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BRITISH COTTON INDUSTRY NEW CORPORATION

BIG EFFORTS TO REGAIN FAR EASTERN MARKETS INTERESTING STATEMENT

London, Yesterday.
Speaking at the Royal Empire Society luncheon, Mr. John Ryan, a Director of the Lancashire Cotton Corporation, said the Corporation had been started under the finest official auspices, free of interest and burdens in respect to indebtedness of the companies absorbed. It would aim at co-operation between the spinner, manufacturer, finisher and merchant, which was essential to recover the Far Eastern markets. Mr. Ryan showed that the bulk of the loss of the post-war cotton trade had been in cotton cloth and had occurred almost exclusively in the Far East with the Near East participating.

Opinion was remarkably unanimous that the mass production employed by the Japanese was the only way to recapture this trade and one of the Corporation's main objects would be mass production, thereby largely reducing the costs.

The main aim would be annually to increase Lancashire cotton cloth orders by a thousand million more yards. Mr. Ryan estimated that the potential capacity of the Empire as a cotton producer, excluding India, was about five million bales and the Corporation intended to increase as quickly as possible the consumption of Indian cotton.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that firm offers, based on a complete valuation, have now been made by the Corporation for 15 mills and 92 are still awaiting completion.—Reuter.

LIGHT AND SHADOWS AT NIGHT IN A ROOM ON A CHINESE FLAT

WHO OPENED THE DOOR?

How a woman occupant was awakened shortly after midnight and saw a light and two shadows of persons in a room in No. 251, Lai-chikok-road, 3rd floor, Sham-shui-poo, was related this morning by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney General) in the last case in the March Criminal Sessions.

At about ten o'clock the woman saw that the door was barred and bolted. There was a peep-hole, said Mr. Fitzroy. A person with a small hand and thin arm could put in a hand from outside and undo all the bars and bolts except one.

Ho Yee, an amah employed by the woman, stood in the dock on a charge of "robbery by two or more." With her was Ho Man-to who faced a similar charge. He was also charged, by himself, with "robbery." An earlier phase of the case is referred to on page 3.

Pillow On Her Face
The case is being heard by his Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) and a jury. Evidence was called and the trial is proceeding.

The Crown alleges that the amah opened the door to admit Ho Man-to; also that clothing, jewellery and \$40 in money were stolen.

A quilt was placed over the woman occupant's head. She was seized by the throat and a pillow was pressed against her face. She tried to remove it but failed. A ring was then taken from her finger and she heard the noise of various things being opened.

Finally she managed to free herself and, switching on the light, found Ho Yee lying on a bed with a quilt over her leg and a strip of cloth tied over her mouth. Her hands and legs were not tied, however.

Helped the Police
Mr. Fitzroy explained that so far as the Crown knew, the two prisoners were related to one another. Evidence would be called to show that they both lived at No. 87, Nam Chung-street, ground floor, from Nov. 24, last year. The principal tenant of that house would say that he understood them to be brother and sister. The complainant employed Ho Yee as an amah on January 14, 1929.

The man had given the Police a great deal of assistance. He had pointed out where certain articles were hidden and had given up pawn

VILLAGE MURDER THREE ARMED CULPRITS RAID ROBBERY THE MOTIVE

Intimation of a robbery which was attended by murder was received at Police Headquarters this morning from Sheungshui.

The affair occurred in an unnumbered house in Fung Wong Wu village at 2.45 a.m., and the victim is reported to be a villager named Ip Shing-lun (52).

The circumstances of the killing of Ip have not yet been ascertained, and it is not anticipated that a full report of the affair will be available until late to-day as Fung Wong Wu village is situated many miles beyond the Sheungshui Police Station. There is no means of reaching it except by trails over hills and the Police investigators would take some hours to arrive at the village in this way.

Three men were stated to have been concerned in the robbery, and one of them was armed with a revolver. They were seen by villagers escaping with a leather suitcase, the contents of which are unknown.

All three desperadoes ran in the direction of Muk Fu, toward the border.

The three men's ages were placed at between 30 and 40 years, and, unlike the usual run of village robbers, they were neatly dressed in black and wore shoes and socks.

1ST QUEEN'S REGT.

THEIR TRANSPORT ARRIVES AT LAST

TO EMBARK ON FRIDAY

After having distinguished itself in two years as a battalion, in the realm of sport and in the social life of the Colony, the 1st Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) is now on the eve of departure from Hong Kong, on transfer to Malta.

H.M.'s troopship "Somersetshire" arrived from Singapore this morning. At the moment of writing, however, it is not yet known whether the Queen's embark to-morrow afternoon or on Friday morning, the latter being more probable.

It is also probable that the Bands of other battalions in the South China Command will play the Queen's off when the latter arrive at the point of embarkation, Holt's Wharf, from Shamshui-poo Barracks.

Also going away on the "Somersetshire" are details from the North China Command, from such units as the 1st Bn. Northants Regiment, the majority having come out with the original Shanghai Defence Force. These have been sent here to take passage on the troopship.

With the departure of the Queen's, their place in competitions like the Hong Kong Amateur Football League will be taken by the 1st Battalion the Somerset Light Infantry, the new arrivals in the Colony.

The "Somersetshire" was considerably delayed through an engine breakdown when coming up from Singapore, thus causing the departure of the Queen's to be deferred.

VERTICAL ASCENTS

HELICOPTRE INVENTOR'S LECTURE

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

Lecturing to the Royal Aeronautical Society, Signor Shacco, the inventor of the helicopter flying machine designed for vertical ascent and landing, said that experiments conducted with two machines made for the French Government have shown that with 50 horse power 1,320 pounds could be raised.—British Wireless Service.

tickets. Everything except a gold bangle and \$40 in money had been recovered.

When charged at the Police Station, the man admitted taking carter of the articles but the amah denied assisting him. During the hearing of the case the man stated that he broke open the door and that there were not two persons engaged. There was, he also said, not so much money as \$40 and alleged that complainant was exaggerating.

GOVERNMENT & PRICE OF PETROL

M.P.'S. DISCUSSION

MR. BALDWIN SAYS FULLEST PUBLICITY DESIRABLE

COMPANIES REPLY

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy's request for a further statement regarding the price of petrol and other oils, Mr. Baldwin said that he had received a long statement to-day from the Companies concerned, which would be published. It was much too early to say whether the answer was satisfactory to the Government.

Mr. J. H. Thomas suggested that the preferable course would have been that the Government consider the question and give judgment.

Mr. Baldwin disagreed, and expressed the opinion that the matter of such general public interest should have the fullest publicity desirable.

Companies Statement

The joint statement of the Anglo-American, Anglo-Persian, Shell and Mexican Companies, justifying the increased price of petroleum products, statistically supports the contention that the price of motor-spirit and kerosene in Britain for a long time was much below world prices.

This was due to the sale of Soviet supplies and was far below the level of the world values compelling the signatories to meet the situation or to withdraw wholly or partly from the trade. But the arrangements in February, terminating the price-war, which had existed almost for two years, had permitted a return towards the world level which in the long run is essential to the maintenance of supplies in the British market.—Reuter.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

GERMAN OFFICIAL ON AN "ERRONEOUS BELIEF"

GENEVA PROTOCOL

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Foreign Affairs' Committee of the Reichstag have adopted a bill to give effect to the Geneva protocol, prohibiting the use of poison gas in war time.

Herr von Schubert, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, emphasized that the protocol was the best means of dispelling any erroneous belief that Germany had anything to hide with respect to a chemical warfare.—Reuter.

"ITALIA" ECHO

NOBLE'S RESCUER TELLS HIS STORY

TAKES RESPONSIBILITY

New York, Yesterday.

The Swedish airman, Lundborg, who rescued General Noble, has arrived and in an interview, said that he took full responsibility for the action which had led to Noble's disgrace. He declared that he insisted that Noble would allow himself to be rescued first, in spite of the latter's desire to the contrary.—Reuter's American Service.

ELECTION RESULT

CONSERVATIVES RETAIN EAST TOXTETH

DECREASED MAJORITY

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

The result of the by-election at East Toxteth, owing to the death of the Conservative member Mr. A. E. Jacob, is as follows:—

H. Mond (Conservative) 9,692.

J. J. Cleary (Labour) 6,563.

A. I. Roberts (Liberal) 6,206.—Reuter.

[At the last General Election, Mr. Jacob obtained 16,139 votes.]

THE BIG FLIGHT

AUSTRALIAN FLIERS NOW IN ROME

GOOD PROGRESS

Rome, Yesterday.

The Australian airmen, Moir and Owen, who are flying from London to Australia in an attempt to break Hinkler's record, have arrived here.—Reuter.

TWO SHIPS ASHORE

YANGTZE RIVER VERY LOW & FALLING

BRITISH GUNBOAT'S HELP

Hankow, Yesterday.

The Yangtze River here (about 600 miles from the sea) continues very low and is still falling. Hunter Island Channel is at present blocked by two steamers, which have gone ashore.

H.M.S. "Gnat," a gunboat, has sailed from Hankow to render assistance.—British Naval Wireless.

81,000,000 TAELS

OFFER FOR ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

SHANGHAI'S GREAT PLANT

Shanghai, To-day.

The highest offer for the Shanghai Municipal Electricity Department, which ranks with the largest in the world in size and output, was submitted by the American and Foreign Power Company, Incorporated, which bid over 81,000,000 taels "under the terms and conditions of the memorandum of the franchise."

The British Trusts Association, Limited, offered 51,000,000 taels and also submitted a leasing plan; whilst Lord Meston's group submitted a leasing plan.

Semi-owned by the Shanghai Municipal Council, the Department supplies light and power not only to the International Settlement but also to many undertakings outside the Settlement, among which are cotton mills and silk filatures that have made Shanghai the greatest industrial centre in China.

The Council is expected to decide regarding the bids late in April.—Reuter.

FINE TO CLOUDY

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon stated:—

The depression has deepened considerably and is now central to the N.E. of Japan.

The anticyclone has weakened and is now central to the N.W. of Shanghai. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

NEW RULER

AFGHANISTAN GENERAL'S THREAT

TRIBAL RISING?

Peshawar, Yesterday.

General Nadirkhan, ex-War Minister, on his arrival in Afghanistan from Paris invited Bacha Saqao to discuss the question of "selecting a ruler" on the ground that Bacha lacks kingly qualifications, and threatening that if Bacha declines to co-operate he (Nadirkhan) would use his influence to create a tribal rising.—Reuter.

KING'S HEALTH

SPENDS A LONG PERIOD OUT OF DOORS

ONLY TWO NURSES NOW

London, Yesterday.

The King passed a good day. His Majesty spent the longest period, so far, out of doors. He was in the grounds of Craigwell House again for nearly two hours this morning and then walked through the terrace back to the House. Only two nurses now remain in attendance on the King.—British Wireless Service.

UNEMPLOYED

LATEST FIGURES SHOW A STRIKING IMPROVEMENT

London, Yesterday.

The latest unemployment returns show a striking improvement. On March 11 the total number of workless was 1,263,800, which was 118,632 less than the week before. Compared with a year ago there was an increase of 197,065.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. BANKS

ANOTHER AMALGAMATION ANNOUNCED

New York, Yesterday.

The Hanover National Bank and The Central Union Trust Company are amalgamating.

The new concern will have resources of over 670 million dollars.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 13/16.

LABOUR M.P.'S AND SINGAPORE BASE

WAGES QUESTION

DISCUSSION ON REDUCTION OF NAVY VOTE

MOTION DEFEATED

London, Yesterday.

The Labourites renewed their periodical attack on the Singapore Base, in the House of Commons, on the motion for the reduction of the Navy Vote when, in addition to asserting that the base aroused suspicions of other nations, notably the Japanese, the Labour spokesmen asserted that the Admiralty had reduced wages in consequence of complaints from local planters that the naval authorities were taking away their labour.

Mr. Col. Headlam, replying, denied that the reduction in wages was due to this reason.

The motion was defeated by 146 votes to 73, and the Navy vote agreed to.—Reuter.

DOCTOR FINED

FAILURE TO NOTIFY CASE OF SMALLPOX

PLEA FOR LENIENCY

Chan Ko-yuek of No. 26D, Graham-street, first floor, described as a practitioner of Chinese medicine, was this morning summoned before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., on the following charge:—

That he being a person in attendance on one Tong Lin-cheung, a female living at No. 6, Gutzlaff-street, second floor, and knowing, or having cause to know that she was suffering from small-pox, on March 4, did fail to notify the Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. J. M. Remedios appeared for the defence and entered a plea of "guilty" to a technical offence.

Dr. H. A. Fawcett, second M.O.H., told the Magistrate that his department felt that Chinese practitioners were the persons who were really responsible in such cases. At least the people they attended looked upon them as the persons responsible. If such practitioners would take money for attending people, the onus was on them to report to the Medical Department.

Mr. Remedios, whilst agreeing with Dr. Fawcett, said that his client had been practising only since November last year, and although ignorance of the law was no excuse, he submitted that in this case defendant had told the inmates that they must report the case, but did not do so himself because he was not aware that he was required to do so. Counsel asked his Worship to take a lenient view of the case, especially as the defendant was being made an example of.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

IMPORT RETURNS

WARNING TO LOCAL SHIPPING AGENTS

The Java-China-Japan Lijn, agents of the s.s. "Eva" were this morning summoned before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., for failing to furnish to the Imports and Exports Department an account of the dutiable liquors imported on the ship within 24 hours of the vessel's arrival in harbour.

The offence was admitted.

Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, of the I. & E. Office, said that his department were not pressing the case. They merely wanted to bring it home to the shipping people that it was essential that returns be made within the prescribed time.

His Worship imposed a nominal fine of \$10.

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CAR IN HARBOUR

WET-ENDING TO A JOY RIDE

GIRL PASSENGERS RESCUED

A joy ride last night ended in a public motor car taking a plunge into the harbour, and its three occupants were lucky to have escaped from drowning.

The car concerned in the accident was public vehicle No. 215. At about midnight it was being driven along Connaught-road West, when near the China Merchants' wharf, for some cause which cannot at present be explained, the driver lost his grip on the steering wheel.

The car made headlong for a lamp-post, and in attempting to avoid a collision the driver swerved the vehicle sharply to the right. Then, before he could right it again, it had shot to the edge of the seawall.

With its front wheels over the edge of the road the car balanced perilously for a matter of seconds and then toppled into the harbour.

The driver and two girl passengers, Lo Kam (17), and Kwan Yung-lui (12), both of No. 14, Pot-tak-street, ground floor, were all lucky to fall into the water clear of the car, which immediately settled on the bottom in several feet of water.

Unable To Swim
Luckily for the three persons in the water, particularly the girls, who were unable to swim, there were some boats moored alongside the China Merchants' wharf, and the crews of these succeeded in pulling all three out of the water.

The two girls suffered from the effects of immersion and shock, and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where they are being treated. The driver appeared to be none the worse for his unexpected dip in the sea, and refused to go to hospital.

Up to this morning, the car was still in the water, but arrangements had already been made by the Police Traffic Department to have it salvaged.

KILLED BY PIRATES

MEMORIAL TO A MERCHANT OFFICER

SERVICE IN ST. PETERS

"This Tablet is erected by the Government of Hong Kong in memory of Robert Black, Chief-Engineer of the British steamship 'Kochow,' killed by pirates in the Ling Yang Gorge, West River, on 1st September, 1927."

Simple in its execution in brass and in the wording quoted, the memorial to an officer of the Mercantile Marine was unveiled this morning in St. Peter's Church, West Point, by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.).

Bishop Takes Part
At the conclusion of an impressive service, the congregation proceeded to the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley to lay wreaths on the grave of Harry Conway, Chief Officer of the s.s. "San Nam Ho", who was killed by pirates, also in the West River, on January 17, 1928.

Captain F. G. Sillitoe, R.M., Aide-de-Camp, representing H.E. the Governor, also laid a wreath on the grave, over which a tombstone has been erected by the Government of Hong Kong.

Taking part in the service at St. Peter's—which was in memory of Mr. Black and Mr. Conway—was the Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.), the Dean of St. John's (the Very Rev. A. Swann, D.S.C., M.A.) and the Superintendent of the Seamen's Institute (the Rev. G. T. Waldegare, M.A.).

Arrival of Governor
On arrival at the Church, His Excellency was received by the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), Harbour Master, and Captain T. T. Laursen, D.S.C. (Branch Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild).

The service, conducted by the Rev. G. T. Waldegare, commenced with the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Dean Swann read the lesson, Revelation XXI 1-7. While the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" was sung, H.E. the Governor, the Bishop, and the clergy proceeded down the aisle to the tablet.

At the foot of the wall and around in the form of a square were a number of wreaths.

The Harbour Master then said: "Your Excellency, I pray you to unveil this tablet." His Excellency pulled apart the Red Ensign and the

PRINCE OLAF AND HIS BRIDE

ARRIVE IN OSLO

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN NORWAY'S CAPITAL

POPULAR WELCOME

Oslo, Yesterday.

Crown Prince Olaf and his bride, who were given a tremendous ovation on their departure from Stockholm, triumphantly entered the capital to-day and were tumultuously welcomed. The streets were beflagged and garlanded with the Swedish and Norwegian colours, with the Swedish blue and gold predominating.

The cortege, which included their Norwegian Majesties and the bride's parents, drove up the long main street, one of the finest in Europe, between pillars of ice to the Palace, past Storting University. The roars of cheering were continuous. Oslo has started three days of festivities amid delicious enthusiasm for the first Royal wedding in Oslo since 1589.

Welcoming The Bride
Prince Olaf, arrived at the station an hour ahead of his bride and was greeted by King Haakon. Father and son were cheered in the sharp staccato Norwegian fashion as they proceeded to the palace.

Later, with Queen Maud, they reassembled at the station to welcome the bride, who arrived in a special train, decorated with garlands and flags.

Prince Olaf proudly introduced her to the notabilities on the platform.

The pair then entered a four-horse palanquin and drove to the palace along Karl Johan-street, one of the finest in Europe, where a glowing popular welcome was extended to the Princess, who continually blew kisses to the enthusiastic crowds.

Prince Olaf and Princess Martha later appeared on the palace balcony in response to a storm of cheers.

There was a thrilling climax when the King and Queen joined them and the spectators fervently sang the Norwegian and Swedish national anthems.—Reuter.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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YIU WAH COMPANY.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1929.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1929.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1929.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1929.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th March, 1929.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-fourth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1928.

The register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 23rd day of March to Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1929.

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FIRST DISCHARGE

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The first "not guilty" verdict in the March Criminal Sessions was returned by a jury yesterday in the Yau-mat "robbery by two or more" case before his Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) on February 4, at the second floor of No. 239, Portland-street.

Ho Chok-lam, the first prisoner, declared that he had been wrongly identified. Leung Ching gave and called evidence of his having been elsewhere at the time stated.

His Lordship observed that he could quite see a reasonable doubt in the evidence and discharged the prisoners.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney General) prosecuted. Det.-Inspector C. P. Fallon was in charge of the case.

The Last Case
This was the fourth trial.

The last in the calendar came up yesterday. Ho Man-to and Ho Yee (an amah) were charged with robbery by two or more at Sham-shui-po. There was a further charge of "robbery" (only) against Ho Man-to. When asked to plead, he admitted stealing some of the articles and the amah entered a denial.

Mr. Fitzroy said he took the man's plea to be one of "guilty" subject to reduction of certain articles mentioned in the indictment. His Lordship, however, preferred to place the case before a jury and adjourned until this morning.

To-day's proceedings are reported elsewhere in this issue.

BANGKOK BOYCOTT

PATRIOTIC CHINESE TOWKAY MURDERED

Bangkok, Mar. 10.

As an outcome of the Japanese boycott, a well-known Chinese towkay connected with the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha rice and gunny trade, has been murdered as he was stepping out of a motor-car. The murderer escaped. He is believed to be a member of the so-called Chinese Patriotic League.

—Singapore "Free Press."

The death has occurred of Lady Laidlaw, the widow of Sir Robert Laidlaw, Chairman of Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.

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5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music. (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Sincere Co.)

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Co.)

"The Merchant Of Venice"—Incidental Music" (F. Rosse).
Organ Solo, Quentin M. MacLean.

No. 1 Prelude 1.
No. 2 Intermezzo-Portia.
No. 3 Oriental March.

"Faust" (Gounod) Vocal Gems.
Miriam Licette and Chorus.

"Song Hit"—Organ Medley.
Organ Solo, Quentin M. MacLean.

"La Gioconda" (Ponchielli).
La Scala Chorus of Milan.

"Hark, Hark, The Lark."
"Quartet in E flat—Allegro."
Musical Art Quartet.

"La Traviata"—Chorus of Gipsies (Verdi).
"Mefistofele" (Boito).
La Scala Chorus Of Milan.

"Le Maschere" Sinfonia.
(Mascagni).
Milan Symphony Orchestra.

"Song Hit"—Organ Medley.
Organ Solo, Quentin M. MacLean.

"Trio (No. 1) in B flat" (Schubert-Op. 99).
Yelli D' Aranyi (Violin);
Feix Salmont (Cello); Myra Hess (Pianoforte).

Allegro Moderato.
Andante Un Poco Mosso.
Scherzo; Allegro.

Rondo; Allegro Vivace.
"Sanctuary Of The Heart."
"In A Monastery Garden."

Organ Solo, Pattman.
Selection.
The London Pavilion Orchestra.

"Impromptu No. 1 in F minor" (Schubert), Piano Solo,
Ethel Legniska.

10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.
"Impromptu No. 2 in A flat,"
"Impromptu No. 4 in F minor" (Schubert), Piano Solo,
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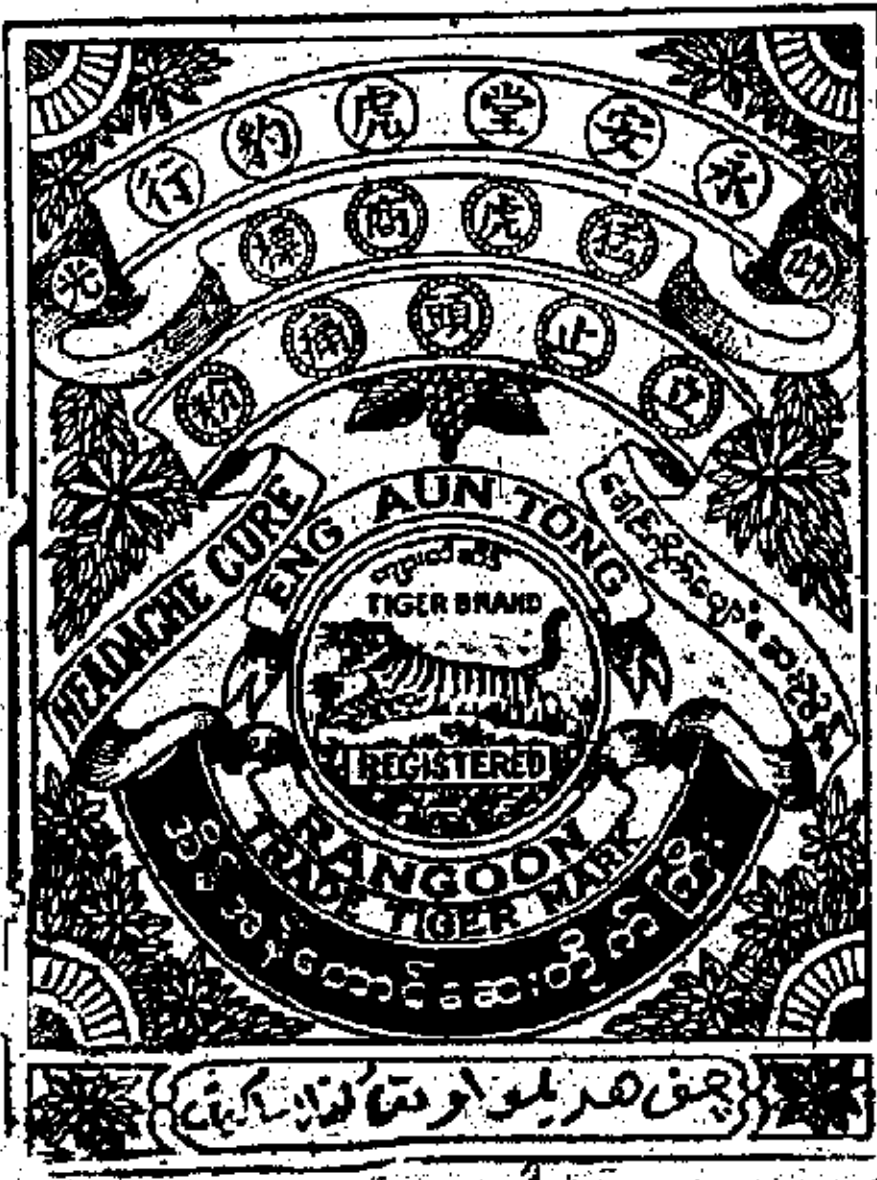
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SAFETY AT SEA

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"VESTRIS" TRAGEDY

Plenty of work is cut out for the international conference on Safety of Life at sea, to be held in London in the spring, thinks Rear-Admiral T. T. Craven, of the United States Navy, whose article on "Sea Safety," as told to J. Earle Miller, appears in "Popular Mechanics" (Chicago).

Little progress has been made, he believed, in methods and equipment for saving life at sea, since the last international conference in 1912, following the "Titanic" disaster. The coming session, arranged by the seafaring nations of the world, will include representatives of the American Navy, the Department of Commerce, and shipping interests. The Allies during the War learned more about life-saving difficulties, says Admiral Craven, than might have been earned in a century of peace.

"As just one sample of what we learned," (he continues) "it was discovered that men leaping from upper decks into the water were frequently injured by their own life-jackets. It was this that caused the U.S. Navy to change from cork to the softer kapok. An Unsinkable Ship?

"It is too early to talk about the faults developed in the 'Vestris' tragedy, but it can properly be said that certain things should be done in the interest of the safety of passengers, and that they are all too often neglected. There is a human tendency to settle into a routine and accept danger as a matter of course, and ship officers are no exempt. The result is that lifeboat drill, and the care and

inspection of life-saving equipment, may become a mere perfunctory performance."

"Every ship carrying passengers should be so adequately divided into water-tight compartments that it would be practically unsinkable. In the U.S. Navy we never carry lifeboats for more than half a ship's complement, and in time of war the majority of these boats are left ashore. We depend entirely on the vessel's water-tight compartments to keep her afloat, even though torpedoed. If the Navy, in any emergency, battleship to that extent, certainly a ship carrying women and children as passengers should be as adequately protected."

Tell-Tale Gauges
"Secondly, the equipment for pumping should be sufficient and so arranged that every compartment can be kept free of water. Tell-tale gauges should be provided to show the amount of water, if any, in every compartment, and the ship also should be equipped with smoke and fire gauges similarly arranged."

"The third requirement should be enough life-boats or rafts to carry every passenger. The question of the relative value of boats and rafts is still open, though there is a strong opinion in some quarters that a raft is the better of the two. Passengers may be more uncomfortable on a raft, but you can dump rafts overboard when you can't launch boats, and they will float in most cases when the boats may be swamped."

"Fourth, I think there should be a much more adequate inspection of life-boats, their gear and equipment, than customary on many merchant vessels. I haven't traveled in many merchant ships, but I have seen the kind of life-saving gear used in a few, and the manner in which it is often neglected. Frequent inspection and overhaul are especially necessary on ships traveling, as the 'Vestris' did, through the tropics, where the hot sun dries out and rots both boats and gear."

Use of the Life-Jacket
"Fifth, life-boats should be adequately provisioned with food and water—changed frequently to insure freshness—and with the necessary navigating equipment of compass, oars, signal flares, and sail."

"Sixth, I would put the necessity of teaching every passenger how to don and adjust a life-jacket. War-time experience showed that sometimes life-jackets were so poorly adjusted they became an actual menace, and often came off in the water."

Next comes better drilling of the lifeboat crews, at least to the extent of instilling some sort of discipline, in so far as that is possible, among men who sign for only one cruise, and may jump to another ship at the end of the voyage. Reports are all too common after sea tragedies in the merchant marine, as they were in the 'Vestris' case, of undisciplined crews getting out of hand, rushed the boats, and leaving the passengers to perish. "Finally, in view of the reports that the 'Vestris' disaster, it might be possible to extend the present steamship-inspection service for passenger-carrying vessels to include supervision of cargo stowing."

"One of the big problems to be considered remains the life-boat equipment and its handling. With the new-type davits, capable of handling two rows of nested boats, it is possible to pack considerable more life-saving equipment in a given space, but what is to be done when a vessel lists, as the 'Vestris' did, and renders half that equipment unavailable, is a problem. Consideration has been given to proposals for moving life-boats across the ship from one side to the other, but a life-boat is a heavy thing, and hard to handle even under normal conditions. Give the ship a pronounced list, have it plunged about in a storm, and the decks crowded with frightened passengers, and the problem is well-nigh unsolvable."

"One thing that may come out of the 'Vestris' tragedy may be a public demand, like the demand that followed the 'Titanic' sinking, for still further improvement in ships and ship equipment, and in emergency drills on the part of crews. If that demand is sufficient to be reflected in the forthcoming international life-saving congress, it may go a long step toward making such tragedies less likely in the future."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Shanghai for this port on March 19 at 4 p.m., and is due here on March 22 at about 5 a.m.

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Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:

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The s.s. "City of Khios" for Manila and U.K., March 28.

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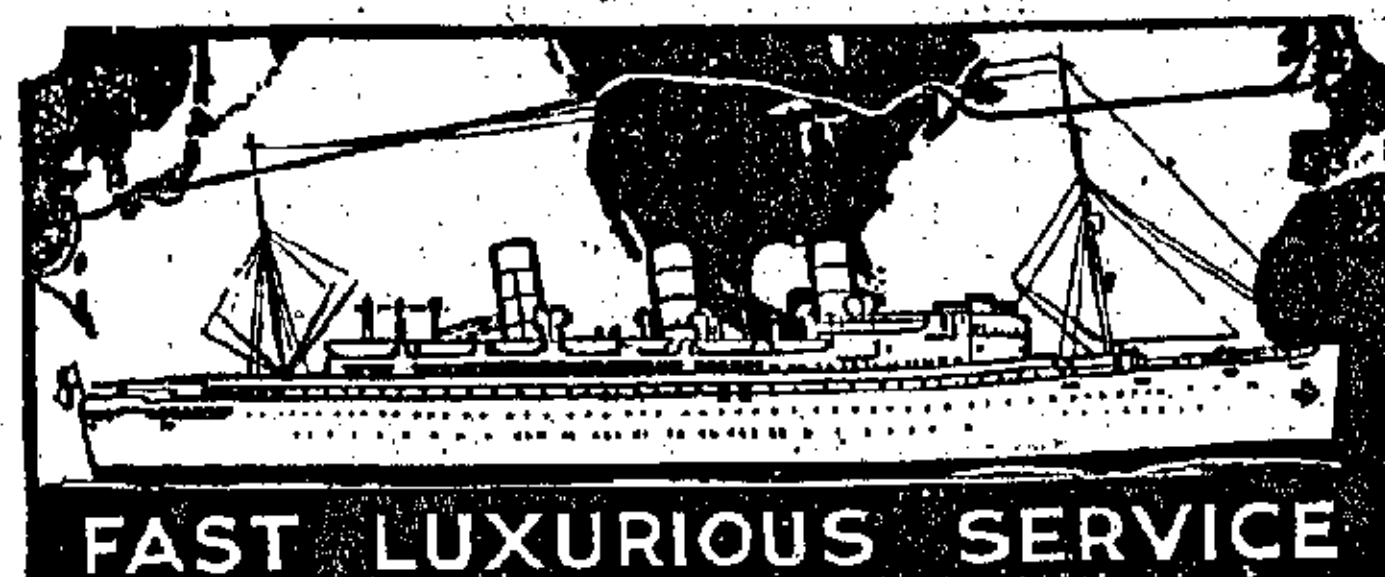
Speaking at the annual general meeting of the Institute of London Underwriters, Mr. H. M. Merriman, of chairman, said that when handing over the reins of office, it would be as one having lost much of his hopeful outlook. As regards "hull" business, the agreement to "respect the lead" had been faithfully maintained, thanks to the loyal support of both company and Lloyd's underwriters, and the market during the past year had shown a steady improvement in hull rates. The outstanding event of the year on the hull side of the business was undoubtedly the agreement come to in May last to increase all rates on Fenwick by a minimum of 10 per cent., an agreement which applied to vessels of all flags, except yachts and building risks, and to all insurances other than those effected on "total loss only" conditions. This agreement was welcomed abroad, and much appreciation was expressed that the increase should be applied to all flags, thus avoiding any invalid distinctions.

Not only was general approval of this agreement expressed in underwriting circles, but little criticism was forthcoming from shipowners. Doubtless the reason for this was that, as every one engaged in the business knew, the increase in the rates was justified, for there was not the least doubt that for many years shipowners had been buying their insurance below cost. Before underwriters would be able to make a reasonable profit out of hull insurances, rates would still have to be increased, owing to the high cost of repairs as compared with pre-war years, a factor that was too often overlooked.

Another constructive step, Mr. Merriman continued, which was taken during the year was the adoption of the Agency Control Agreement. London underwriters were always prepared to give their representatives abroad credit for having a thorough knowledge of local business, but at the same time it was necessary that agents should be required to follow the general policy of their head office, and this could only be attained provided a strict supervision could be kept over a company's representatives.

Cargo Business
Discussing cargo business, Mr. Merriman recalled that, when commenting last year on the steps that were being taken for an improvement, he was not too sanguine as to the results owing to the lack of co-operation by the market as a whole. His prophecy had come true, as the past 12 months had been a keen disappointment to those who looked for a general improvement following the discussions at and subsequent to the meeting in July, 1927. Attempts had been made to obtain tariffs and agreements, but generally speaking these had been abortive, and so far as could be ascertained the reason was that whereas in years gone by it was possible to maintain a tariff signed only in the United Kingdom, it was now impossible to uphold a tariff unless it was made international. This immediately raised difficulties which were apparently insurmountable. Yet another stumbling block to the efforts to place the business on a sound basis was the seeming disinclination to "spread the business," and it could readily be appreciated that many underwriters were not prepared to bind themselves to certain rates and conditions if by so doing they were merely bringing about improvements for a select number who had, so to speak, "cornered the business."

A Deplorable State
Then, again, there was the evil of reinsurance abuses, and many held the view that this was the crux of the present deplorable state into which the business had drifted. Reinsurance was, of course, absolutely necessary within moderation, as, for example, reinsurance to relieve an underwriter of a percentage of his company's aggregate line on any particular interest, which had accumulated through lines being accepted not only through head offices, but by agencies. The great evil was that of reinsurance features bearing commission on premium, that was to say, reinsurance with sole object of obtaining a profit. The only solution of the present impasse appeared to him to be first that underwriters should spread the business by limiting their acceptance, and secondly by the immediate discontinuance of profit reinsurance, with the granting of reinsurance protection to those underwriters, whether in England or abroad, who, it was known, were not giving their wholehearted support to agreements and understandings.



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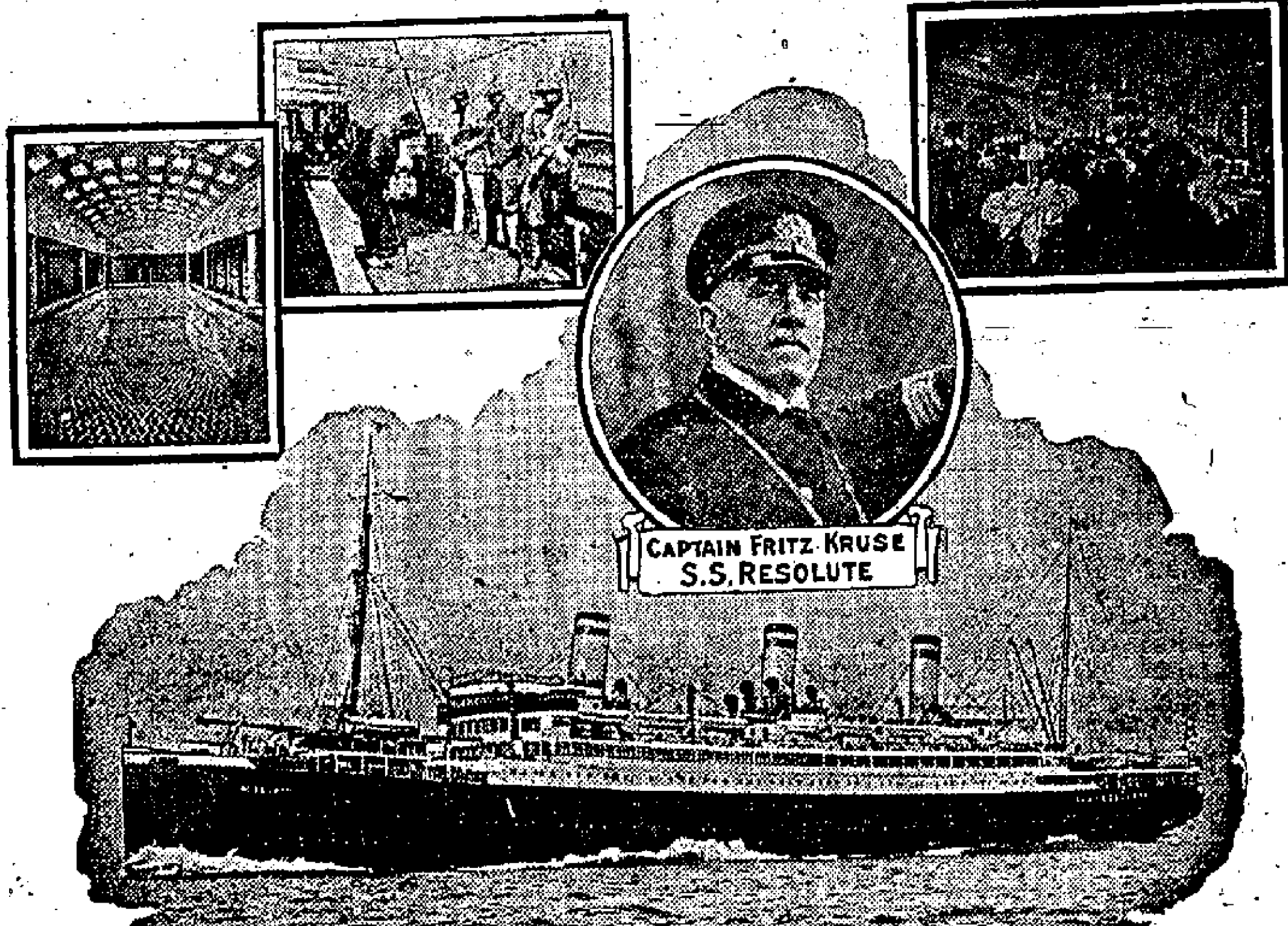
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SHIPOWNER'S DEATH

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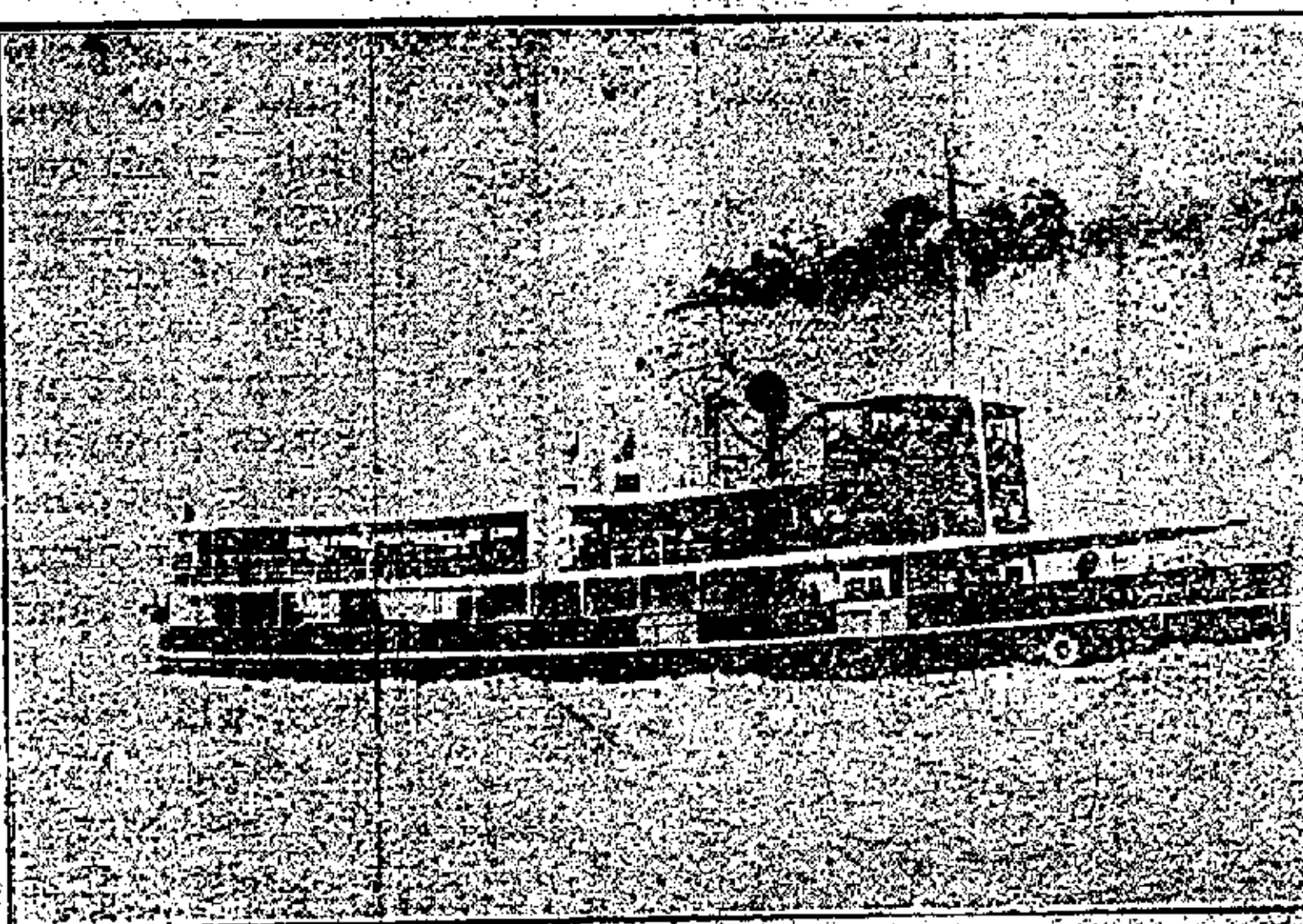
Born in 1871, he was the second son of the late Mr. James Wishart Thomson, of Messrs. William Thomson and Co. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy, and afterwards entered the family business, interesting himself always in the many activities connected with the port of Leith. He was elected a member of Leith Dock Commission in 1908, and continued his connection with that body until the outbreak of war. From 1914 to 1917 he served in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and India on the headquarters staff, and in 1917 was appointed shipping controller in India. The recognition of his work in that capacity he was, in 1918, created K.B.E. (Civil). On his return to Leith in 1920, he was re-elected to Leith Dock Commission and six years later he was appointed chairman.

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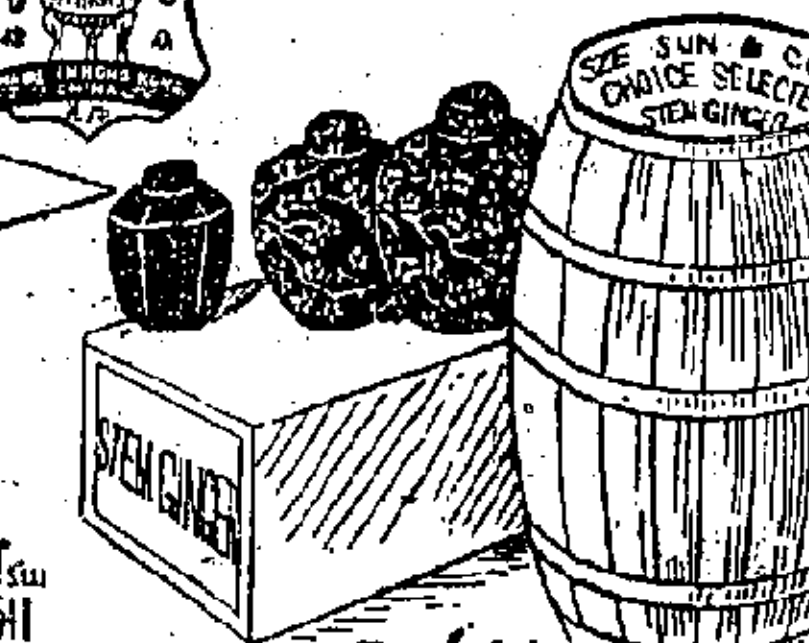
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THE REPORT ON LONDON'S POLICE METHODS

When one recalls the tremen-
dous sensation which the
Savidge case and other similar
Hyde Park incidents caused, lead-
ing practically to the resignation
of the Chief Commissioner of
London's Metropolitan Police,
Sir Wm. Horwood, (and the ap-
pointment of Lord Byng as his
successor) together with at least
two highly-placed members of his
staff, it must be admitted that the
report into London's "Police
Powers and Procedure," which a
Royal Commission has been con-
sidering for some months past, is
much less drastic than many of us
were inclined to believe would be
the case. As a matter of fact, it
is really almost complimentary to
London's police and to those who
have been responsible for the gen-
eral efficiency of the Force. So
far as the public is concerned,
there never was any doubt in
their minds regarding the all-
round soundness, the wholesom-
ness of London's Police Force,
which for many a year has very
properly been a model for Police
Forces throughout the world, in
capitals and other cities.

The "unanimous report" that
has been presented to Sir Wm.
Joynton Hicks, the Home Secre-
tary, will most certainly tend
to reassure the public with re-
gard to the integrity of the police
generally as it shows that a pro-
per balance is kept between "the
rights of the individual and the
demands of justice." The most
satisfactory point made in
the report is the statement
to the effect that little if
any fresh legislation will be need-
ed. This is just as it should be;

for notwithstanding the fact that
unquestionably, not a few of the
subordinate officers of London's
police evidently went quite wrong
as to their duty with regard to
supposed Hyde Park delinquents,
that of course in no way seriously
involved the Metropolitan Police
as a whole as to their conduct
and methods generally. It is in-
teresting and, in view of what
was generally believed to be the
views of the Commission, to note
that "the value of women police is
emphasised." It is but right that
this should be recorded, for there
can be little doubt that in London,
as in every large capital especially,
women worthily prove them-
selves to be very efficient mem-
bers of the Police Force. It is ob-
vious that they may prove in cer-
tain contingencies much more
useful than any "Bobby" of the
male gender. Of more general
importance, in view of the many
loose statements made at the time
of the Savidge case and other in-
cidents pertaining to Hyde Park
delinquents, are the Commission's
reference to "third degree"
methods as being "exaggerated." All
that need be done by way of
remedy indicates that the sup-
posed "third degree" methods
were very mild indeed, as the
Commission merely suggests
"new regulations for the examina-
tion of witnesses."

It was hardly likely, owing to
the recent notorious case involv-
ing an ex-Police Sgt. Goddard,
Mrs. Meyrink, the so-called
"Night Club Queen" and an
Italian night-club owner, that the
Commissioners could fail to refer
directly to the increasing danger
to land and order of such clubs.
Their suggestion is simplicity it-
self and, though so simple, it is
all the more likely to prove
efficacious. The recommendation
is made that senior police officers
should be entitled to enter night
clubs for inspection, as in the
case of public houses. This
should go a long way towards
putting a stop to the scandals that
have for a long time been asso-
ciated with such places. Judging
by the tone of the Commission-
ers' report there are good grounds
for believing that with regard to
our great and highly efficient
Metropolitan Police Force, the
Royal Commission which has been
regarding it with a critical eye for
months past has had good reason
to be "generally satisfied."

You cannot kill an idea. All
the suppressive coercion in the
world will only give wings to
thought. It is announced that
radio-television and sound trans-
mission have been perfectly syn-

chronised. Humanity has thus
acquired the ability to be any-
where without travel. It is ac-
cepted as a matter of course. It
is a triumphant heresy.
Only eighteen years ago some
prominent radio promoters, men
of vision, were sent to the peni-
tentiary, each receiving a sen-
tence of from five to fifteen
years, for asserting that it
would be possible to talk by radio
over considerable distances—or,
rather, for setting forth that
assertion in connection with the
sale of radio stock. . . . "The
Electrical World."

Mrs. C. P. Marcel, accompanied
by her son and two daughters, left
for Home by the s.s. "Patroclus."

Mr. D. H. Perry, of the Asiatic
Petroleum Co., Ltd., (North Point
Installation) left by the s.s.
"Patroclus" yesterday.

Three cases of small-pox were
notified yesterday—two from the
Victoria District and one from
Kowloon. All were Chinese.

Among passengers leaving by
the Blue Funnel s.s. "Patroclus"
to-day are Capt. Ellis Walker and
Mrs. Walker, Mr. H. Tester (bro-
ther of Mr. P. Tester, local
broker), Mr. G. E. Ellams, Mr.
and Mrs. F. R. Barry, Lt.-Col.
Ellis, and Mr. F. Walker.

Mr. F. H. Crannell, secretary
and manager of the Hong Kong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, and secretary
of the Star Ferry Co., Limited,
left for Home yesterday by the
s.s. "Patroclus," accompanied by
his wife and three daughters.

Mr. J. D. Thomson, assistant
secretary, and Mr. D. L. McWhir-
ter, veterinary surgeon, of the
Dairy Farm, Ice, & Cold Storage
Co., Ltd., left on Home leave by
the s.s. "Patroclus" as did Mr.
W. B. Cornaby, of Messrs. Jar-
dine, Matheson & Co., Limited,
and Mr. W. R. Harvey.

As the result of being knock-
ed down by a motor bus owned
by the China Bus Co., at the
junction of Pakhoi-street and
Nathan-road, a Chinese boat
woman yesterday afternoon re-
ceived severe injuries to her
head which necessitated her
removal to the Kwong Wah
Hospital. Her condition is
considered serious.

Passengers by the train from
Canton, five Chinese women,
were yesterday charged before
Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the
Kowloon Magistrate's Court, with
the unlawful possession of various
quantities of raw non-Govern-
ment opium, ranging from 70 to
90 taels. Fines of \$2,000 with
the alternative of two months' hard
labour were imposed.

On the application of the
Police, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith
yesterday ordered the discharge
of two of the six Chinese men
who were arrested in connection
with the murder of the garden-
caretaker of Eli Cottage, an un-
occupied house in Old Kowloon
Tong. The other four were
formally remanded in Police
custody for a week.

A 60-years-old Chinese woman
named Kwan Sze living at No.
16, Cheungshawan-road, is at
present in a serious condition at
the Kwong Wah Hospital. She
was knocked down and severely
injured, yesterday afternoon, in
the vicinity of Yeechau-street,
Shamshui, by a light railway
truck owned by the Yee Cheong
firm of contractors at present
engaged in some Government
work in the locality.

KREISLER

COMPOSERS' IDEAS
IGNORED

FAST AUDIENCE CHARMED

Mr. Fritz Kreisler, at the
Albert Hall recently, charmed, as
is his way, a vast audience with
his wonderfully sweet and finely
finished violin playing.

It was a curious programme,
for practically nothing from end
to end, was performed according
to the intentions of the several
composers. Bach's Partita in E
was meant to be played unaccom-
panied, but recently there was an
anonymous piano part supplied.
Vivotti's minor concerto was
performed with piano instead of
orchestra. Ravel wrote his
"Habanera" as an orchestral
piece, and Dvorak's "Songs My
Mother Taught Me" as a song.
Mr. Kreisler had (for what it
was worth) Schumann's sanction
for the accompaniment to the
Partita; but the great violinist
added nothing of worth either to
his reputation or to Dvorak's
beautiful little song by the per-
oration which he had supplied to it
in no very self-critical spirit.
The audience were, however,
not deterred by this error of
taste from enjoying the piece.—
R. C. in "Daily Mail."

WEDDING SPEECHES

PROF. HUGHES' "APPLE OF
MY EYE"

"IDLEWILD" CEREMONY

The Registry marriage (report-
ed yesterday) of Mr. W. M.
Gittins and Miss Jean Ho Tung
was followed by a magnificent re-
ception at "Idlewild," the
Seymour-road residence of Sir
Robert and Lady Ho Tung.

Guests were received in the
garden where the bride and bride-
groom, Sir Robert and Lady Ho
Tung, and Mr. and Mrs. H.
Gittins were congratulated.

The wedding cake was a beauti-
ful affair of four tiers supplied
by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

The Band of the 2nd Batt. the
King's Own Scottish Borderers,
was in attendance.

A Guard of Honour was formed
by Girl Guides and Boy Scouts as-
sociated with the bride and bride-
groom.

"Saw and Conquered"

Proposing the health of the
bride and bridegroom, Professor
H. G. Hughes of the University
said he felt that a very consider-
able compliment was paid to him,
and that he felt a certain sense
of magnanimity and a glow of
self-satisfied generosity at find-
ing himself where he was.

He would let his audience into
a rather intimate secret. "Not
very long ago," he said, "the bride
was the apple of my eye (laugh-
ter). I hasten here to explain that
she was the academic apple
of my strictly academic eye."
(resumed laughter).

There was a time, said Profes-
sor Hughes, when he had hoped
that the bride would be the
future historian of the China
Coast. In that, however, he was
disappointed. The bride-
groom came along, and he saw,
and he conquered! Only those
who were in the speaker's mean-
ing could realise what it meant
to him to be deprived of that hope
of his. The bride knew, from
long experience, the speaker's
genius for finding the wrong
word for the wrong thing, and
Professor Hughes hoped that the
bride would excuse him if he
likened his experience to that of
an old hen who found she had
been hatching a duckling.

Patron of Learning

The bride represented a family
who had done a very great deal
for the University. Sir Robert
To Tung was a munificent patron
of learning in Hong Kong, and the
University had received from the
bride such support as was consist-
ent with the support received
from other members of the
family, and in keeping with the
best traditions of the students of
the University.

He had no desire of embarrass-
ing the bride by recounting the
brilliance of her short career at
the University. It was sufficient
to give just one example of her
talent. One full dreary morning he
was discussing Queen Elizabeth
with the bride and he happened to
ask in his best pontifical manner
why it was that Queen Elizabeth
was an old maid and the reply was
"Because she had no faculty for
engineering" (laughter).

Unqualified Credit

The bridegroom, said Professor
Hughes, had been a longer time at
the University, and his record
was no less honourable. He was
with the University as an under-
graduate and later as a member
of the staff. In every way Mr.
Gittins was admired, both for his
loyalty and for the kind, good
words which he had for everyone
on every occasion. Professor
Hughes assured the parents of
the bridegroom that their son,
throughout his career at the
University, was an unqualified
credit to them.

It was as an athlete, however,
that the bridegroom impressed
the speaker most. That was prob-
ably because the speaker himself
was no athlete. He saw the bride-
groom's collection of trophies
and observed that there were long
thin cups and short fat cups.
There were big ones and little
ones and things that bulged out
like an urn, and these made him
wonder what the bridegroom
could have done to deserve them
all. "I warn you all," added the
Professor, "that should the
rumour ever go about that W.
Gittins is melting down his
trophies, there will be a panic in
the silver market and the dollar
will wobble" (laughter).

Professor Hughes added that
he was beginning to realise the
meaning of "Gather ye rosebuds
while you may," for the more one
gathered, the less rosebuds there
would be and the less gathered
there would be and then and only
then, the world would be safe
for bachelors!

Bridegroom's Reply

The company was then asked to
drink to the health of the bride
and bridegroom.

The bridegroom, speaking on
behalf of the bride and himself,
thanked the gathering for the
(Continued on Next Column.)

CORRESPONDENCE

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir.—The writer of the letter
which appeared in your corres-
pondence column last night
professed surprise that the re-
cent attacks on Christian Science,
as founded by Mrs. Eddy, should
be labelled as misleading and
aggressive. Yet, this same
critic, who hides behind a nom-
de-plume, quotes from a
periodical using the name of
Christian Science, but which in
fact has no connection with
Christian Science as founded by
Mary Baker Eddy.

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everywhere, adhere strictly to
the authentic periodicals es-
tablished by Mrs. Eddy, because
they alone represent her
teachings.

Yours etc.,
W. H. ADLER.

Christian Science Committee on
Publication for Hong Kong,
Hong Kong, March 20.

QUAINT CEREMONY

BACHELOR PARSON ROCKS THE BABY

The bachelor vicar of Blid-
worth, (Nottinghamshire), the
Rev. John Lowndes, in the parish
church on a recent Sunday per-
formed a centuries-old ceremony
known as "the Blidworth rock-
ing."

Receiving a child from its
mother's arms, the vicar present-
ed it before the altar and dedicat-
ed its life to God's service.

Then he placed the baby, the
son of a local miner, in a cradle
and rocked it gently several times.
This quaint ceremony sym-
bolises the Bible story of the pre-
sentation of the child Jesus in the
temple.

The cradle which was used has
been in an old Blidworth family
for generations and has been
given to the church for the rock-
ing.

A VANDERBILT

DIVORCE SUIT REPORTED PENDING

New York.—It was learned re-
cently that Mrs. Muriel Vander-
bilt Church, daughter of Mr.
William K. Vanderbilt, is begin-
ning divorce proceedings shortly
against her husband, Mr. Frederic
Cameron Church, Jun., on the
ground of non-support and that
the suit was to be heard in the
Newport County Superior Court
in March.

The Vanderbilt Church wed-
ding was one of the most fashion-
able of its season and took place
in July 1925. There are no chil-
dren. The bride was one of the
richest young women in America
and her husband an insurance
broker, is a member of a promi-
nent Massachusetts family.

presents and congratulations.
He said that he was, like many
others, a nervous bridegroom,
and as such, had nothing to say.
Where talk was concerned, "he
sometimes wondered why it was
that the bride should not take up
the matter on such occasions. He
proffered his very hearty thanks
to those who attended the func-
tion (applause).

Distinguished Gathering

Among those present were the
Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secre-
tary for Chinese Affairs) and
Mrs. North, the Hon. Sir Shou-
son and Lady Chow, the Hon. Dr.
R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.,
and Mrs. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr.
J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr.
J. P. and Mrs. Braga, the Hon.
Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., Mr.
W. W. Hornell, C.I.E. (Vice-
Chancellor, the University), Sir
Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. Leg.
Hon., Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., Mr.
Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., Mrs. W. T.
Southern, Lady Liang (widow of
Sir Cheung Liang Tung) and
Mr. S. W. Liang, Mr. and Mrs.
C. G. S. Mackie, Prof. C. A.
Middleton Smith, Mr. W. B.
Finigan, Dr. and Mrs. C. Y.
Wang, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. R.
Sample, the Rev. G. T. Walde-
grave, Mr. R. A. Ponsonby Fane,
Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. Wong Kam-
fuk, Mr. Fung Heung-chuen, Mr.
Francis Tse, Mr. Tang Chi-ngong,
Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. B. Wong
Tape, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Li
Tse-long, Mr. Kwok Shu-lai, Mr.
Fung Ping-shan, Mr. J. F. Grose,
Mr. S. M. Churn, Mr. J. D. Bush,
Dr. E. Law, Dr. Arthur W. T.
Woo, Mr. H. K. Hung, Mr. T. N.
Chau, Mrs. Ho Fook, Mr. and
Mrs. Ho Wing, Mr. and Mrs.
Ho Kwong, Mr. and Mrs. Ho
Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki, Mrs.
Ho, Mr. M. K. Lo and the direc-
tors of the Tung Wah Hospital,
the directors of the Po Leung
Kuk, and elders of the New Te-
ritories.

LONDON'S SOUL

PROFESSOR FROM JAPAN IS DISAPPOINTED

STRONG CRITICISM

A chief among ye takin' notes. And, faith, he'll prent 'em. But it is too late now to set a watch upon your tongues, for the notes are all but finished and an analysis of them is being made. And, brother Londoners, sister Londoners, believe me! We make a very poor showing—in fact, we come out of it 'rottenly,' writes "M.D." in the "Evening News," continuing:

The chief's real name in his native tongue, is Thai O'Carne, by birth he is Irish, by profession a teacher of English in several Japanese universities, by choice a student of psychology, and by nature a gently cynical gentleman of Japan, for that country is his real and spiritual home.

For some months now Professor O'Carne has been among us with his notebook and pencil, saying little, seeing and hearing much; for it is only to the great ones of the land that he has gone openly, avowing himself, and asking for instruction in this matter or in that. He lives secretly and simply, fearful lest publicity should hinder his work, in a little place not far from Piccadilly Circus, close to the hub of the universe, yet utterly hidden away; and the few who know his hiding-place are sworn not to reveal it.

No Wild Theorising

In this cycle I listened spellbound to his exposition, made with many reservations, of the way we are going, the distance we have gone; and it was no wild professorial theorising, for Professor O'Carne is not unacquainted with the rough edges of life.

"My countryman, Sean O'Casey," he said, "was at least a builder's labourer; I had not even that much education."

Not, at least, until he went into the Navy, on the lower deck, of course, at the age of fourteen and some months. He was twelve years in the Service, and saw action in "some little skirmishes" in the Somaliland campaign against the Mad Mullah. At last, however, he felt he "must find out where the sun set," as he phrased it, and began his education in earnest. At twenty-one he had learned to read, his first book being a translation of the Koran; then he went to study the language and histories of most European countries. Russia knew him eight years, and for one year he was closely associated with the Moscow Art Theatre. "After seeing Stanislavsky's productions," he told me, "it is impossible to be satisfied with the present psychological envisagement of drama in London. But it is certainly improving. Fifteen years ago the psychology of the theatre in London seemed to me very weak; now, where men have the lead in teaching its art and beauty, great advances have been made."

He has some right to judge, for he prepared Princess Bariattinskaya and accompanied her when she came to England to act in Anna Karenina at the Ambassador's Theatre. In fact, he took the part of assistant manager.

Eleven Years in Japan

Since then he has spent eleven years in Japan; married, after months of formalities, a beautiful Japanese girl—four ceremonies, commencing with the rites of Shinto, were necessary—and he and the members of his household suffered appallingly during the great earthquake.

And now that he re-visits us,....

"The conversations of men that I have listened to," he said, "were devoid of ideas. Men talk of their business and of horses and dogs, which are also a business to them. There is a deadness of soul among Englishmen; they pay much attention to the sipping of to-day, and give no thought to the great matters of the future; all is materialism."

"It was a pleasant surprise to me, however, that they seldom talked of women, except to mention the aches and pains of the women of their households."

"For many years I have not heard the words I may use so much by men. Englishmen seem extremely egocentric, never listening, but always interrupting each other, butting in, to voice their own opinions."

Women Criticised

And Professor O'Carne has a low opinion of English women. Very often, he says, they have flat and crooked feet, with toes riding upon the others. Superficially, he thinks, they consider themselves a new and powerful element, but are unable to put forward any good reason for this. Their conversations among themselves will not bear repetition, and their complexions, compared to those of Japanese women, are extremely bad. He admits that he has met a few exceptions, but so much for the women!

The poorness of the complexions of our women, he asserts, is due to our national failing of uncleanness. We do not wash nor change our clothes often enough.

The doorsteps of our houses are beautifully whitened; but inside all is, as a rule, in a state of uncleanness that would not be tolerated for a moment in Japan. I am afraid he looks on this as symbolic.

"How can the world respect London," he asked, "when any foreigner can see Lords and Earls in clouds of the highest class, where the rooms and walls are dirty?"

"You do not know what cleanliness is—now, in Japan...."

Shocking Behaviour

In the East, he told me, men are accustomed to think the Englishman's word sacred; but he has been horrified to hear talk of false cheques and shady dealings. In the East religion is real, but, as he sees it, in London the churches advertise, even advertise dances, to "try to get clients"—just like places of entertainment!

"The West needs new blood in its world of ideas," he said. "There is a conspiracy of thought among the coloured races now against the whites."

"And I think," said Professor O'Carne, "that the coloured races are right."

He is longing to get back to Japan. "This," a gentle wave of his hand embraced all London, material and psychological, "all this is crushing."

BOGUS UNIVERSITIES

ONE OF CHINA'S MINOR PROBLEMS

Nanking, Feb. 16. Mushroom "universities" and bogus "diploma mills" are doomed. A set of regulations governing the founding and maintenance of institutions of advanced learning, which is evidently aimed at restricting the activities of so-called "universities" which have sprung up all over the country like mushrooms during a rainy season, was yesterday recommended by the Department of High Education of the Ministry of Education for adoption and enforcement by the Government.

According to the regulations no institution which is not adequately endowed and is not in a position financially to maintain three separate colleges, namely, a college of arts, a college of science and another college for any other subject of specialisation, will be permitted to be described as a University.

Commenting on the proposal of the Department of Higher Education, a spokesman of the Ministry informed the Kuo Min News Agency correspondent that the aim of the responsible educational authorities is to close down all "diploma mills."

"While our youths are earnest in their desire for advanced learning, a large number of opportunists, seeing the chance to enrich their pockets, have rented vacant buildings and advertised for students who have unfortunately fallen victims to these so-called educators. The Ministry, therefore, aims at closing down such empty 'halls of learning' to save our youths from educational bankruptcy."

By the "Porthos" Mr. Cuthbert F. Eissson of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ess of Wilkie Road, Shanghai, returned from England after having successfully prosecuted his legal studies. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn last month. By the "Slamat" recently there sailed for England Mr. Aloysius Cheok Twan Kee and Mr. Neil la Salle to further their studies, (the former in medicine). All three were pupils of St. Joseph's Institution, Singapore.



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INDIA AIR SERVICE

A DEADLOCK AS TO ROUTE CALLS

INTERNATIONAL DIFFICULTIES

London, Yesterday. International difficulties are reported to have arisen between Italy and Greece as regards the ports of call in the air route to India, which, according to the "Daily Telegraph" will almost inevitably entail a postponement of the opening until April 3.

Greece desires that Athens be the port of call instead of Navarino which was originally scheduled. Britain is agreeable but Italy has refused to adopt Athens as the port for her Genoa-Alexandria service.

Since the matter is one for agreement between all three countries and not between Britain and Greece alone, a deadlock has arisen. —Reuter.

PROHIBITION

PRES. HOOVER MAKES A STATEMENT

NO "DRASTIC DRIVE"

Washington, Yesterday. President Hoover stated that he had no intention for any drastic prohibition "drive" as a means of bringing about the enforcement of the law to which he had referred in his inaugural address.

Contrary to the Press reports orders had not been given for any spectacular raids, and it was his wish that the enforcement of machinery should be applied along consistent and orderly lines.—Reuter's American Service.

CIRCUS DRAMA

LON CHANEY IN "LAUGH, CLOWN, LAUGH"

CHINESE CAMERA WORK

Lon Chaney, "the man of a thousand faces," will be seen at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday in his latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, "Laugh, Clown, Laugh."

The picture is a vivid drama of "behind the scenes" life of a great circus, with the famous actor in the role of a clown who, for the happiness of the woman he loves, makes a tragic sacrifice. A massive reproduction of a theatre and other elaborate details lend an added interest to the absorbing story.

Loretta Young, a new screen "find," appears opposite the star and is a splendid foil for Chaney's antics as the clown. Herbert Brenon, who directed such noteworthy productions as "Beau Geste," "Sorrow and Son," and "Peter Pan," also directed this film, which is said to present Lon Chaney in one of his most remarkable roles.

A feature of the picture is the wonderful photographic effects brought about by the artistry of Wong Howe, a clever Chinese camera man, who is the originator of "soft focus" effects.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

Mr. L. O. McGowan, President of the China American Trade Corporation, has arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Loke and family who were in Penang for Chap Goh Meh festivities returned to the Federal Capital recently.

Major General A. E. Wardrop is slightly indisposed and will remain at home for several days, says the "N.C. Daily News" to hand.

Congratulations to Mr. Oscar Moller. He celebrated his 74th birthday, and is a member of the Shanghai Stock Exchange is still going strong on the road, says a Shanghai contemporary.

Gen. Yen Hsi-shan is reported by the Chinese papers to be leaving Shanghai for the north. He has ordered a China Merchants Co. steamer, it is further stated, to stop at Woosung and pick up him and his party.

In co-operation with the Bureau of Public Safety, the Nantao Street Unions have advised their members to install electric bells in their homes and shops in order that alarms may quickly be given, and responded to by the police, in case they are visited by armed robbers.

Wong Ching-wei, the Chinese communist, is reported to be in Shanghai, refusing to make his whereabouts known. It is stated that he left Marseilles, on December 28, arrived in Hong Kong last week, and came to Shanghai secretly in a British vessel.

ALLEGED FORGERY

MORTGAGE OF A STEAM LAUNCH

HINT OF AN ARREST

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a case was mentioned in which Mr. Chan Wan-po, managing partner of the Po On Co., No. 27, Yat Tak-road, Canton, whose Hong Kong address is given as 64a, Bonham-strand West, summoned Mak Chan-loong, 147, Reclamation-street, Yaumati, on three counts as follows:—

(a) that he on February 9, with intent to defraud, did forge the name of one Ng Shing, and the name of the Po On Co., on a deed purported to be a mortgage of the steam launch "San Chiu On," made between the said Ng Shing and the Po On Co., on one side, and Dr. Basto on the other; and

(b) that he on January 25 and February 22 did in the waters of the Colony, being a servant of the Po On Co., steal an arms licence, a launch licence, a Chinese assignment, and Chinese Maritime Customs permits relating to the armed launch "San Chiu On," belonging to his employers; and

(c) that he on February 9 did obtain the sum of \$3,000 from Dr. Basto, by falsely pretending, with intent to defraud, that he was the owner of the steam launch "San Chiu On."

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Russ and Co., appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., was for the defendant.

Mr. Sheldon said that the first charge, although it was brought in the form of a summons, amounted to an allegation of forgery of the mortgage deed, and subject to his Worship's views on the matter, he suggested that he had better advise his client to apply for a warrant for the defendant's arrest.

He stated that prior to the issuing of the summonses, the complainants had originally applied for a warrant on charges of larceny and unlawfully obtaining money. Since then the prosecution had evidence of the defendant having been guilty of forgery also, an offence which was punishable with life imprisonment.

Mr. d'Almada pointed out that the evidence of forgery was doubtfully got from the deed of mortgage which the defendant had himself placed in the hands of the authorities. As soon as the defendant discovered that he was wanted, he at once consulted his solicitors, as the result of which he (Mr. d'Almada) saw his Worship in chambers and produced the document to him.

His Worship decided for the present to remand the defendant on the summonses, but told Mr. d'Almada that his client would have to make arrangements in the meantime to produce bail should the circumstances after the opening of the case warrant such a demand being made.

Hearing of the case on the summonses was fixed for 11.15 a.m. on March 27.

BADMINTON CHAMPION

In the open Badminton final, Devlin, beat Hume 15-4, 15-1.—"Singapore Free Press."

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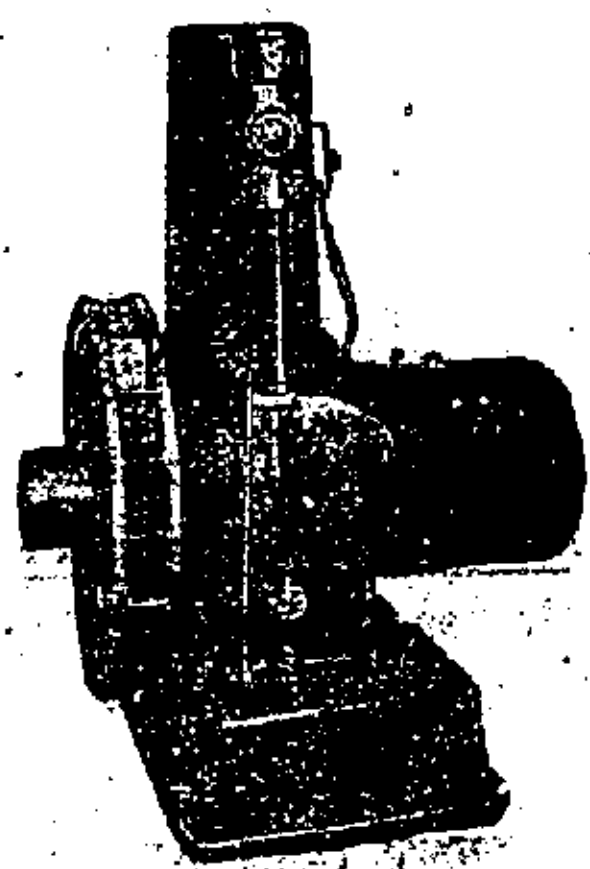
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THE KUOMINTANG WORK AT THIRD NATIONAL CONGRESS GOVERNMENT VICTORY

Nanking, Yesterday.
The third national Congress of the Kuomintang went into session for the first time at 10 a.m. on March 18.
The proceedings, which were preliminary to the main work of the Congress and were intended to be more or less formal, were enlivened by a dramatic incident in the course of the afternoon when a quarrel almost developed over the Hunan situation. The Congress adjourned at 6.30 p.m. until March 19.

There were 228 delegates from all over the country present, and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the President of the State Council, and chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang Party, presided.

Memory of the Dead
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek submitted a report of the activities of the Central Executive Committee since the last Congress of the whole Party, in the course of a speech lasting more than an hour. Marshal Chiang addressed the delegates from the rostrum.
In the afternoon, General Ho Ying-chun, Marshal Chiang's Chief of Staff, reported on military affairs since the last meeting of the Congress, speaking at considerable length on the work accomplished by the Disbandment Conference.

After an address lasting for more than two hours, General Ho Ying-chun completed his review of the military situation. He had spoken of the success of the Northern Expedition, and at the end, he invited the delegates to stand for three minutes in silence in memory of those who had fallen in the revolution.

The Hunan Problem
There was a dramatic pause, after which Mr. Liu Wen-tao, who had the backing of about 40 others, rose and after a heated speech condemning the warlike activities along the Yangtze River, proposed a motion demanding that the Hankow generals, Yeh Chi and Hu Tsung-tu, whose troops are reported to be attacking Lu Ti-ping's army on the Hunan-Kiangsi border, be instructed to cease their military operations forthwith and to return to their quarters.

The motion was then put to the vote, those favouring being asked to stand up. Of the 228

delegates, no fewer than 220 supported Mr. Liu Wen-tao's motion. Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton, after a perceptible interval, supported the motion.

Yeh Chi
Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Kuo Min news agency's correspondent at Changsha reports that troops belonging to General Yeh Chi have evacuated Chengtao, in western Hunan, and retreated to their original garrison post at Yochow.

20,000 Miles of Railway
Nanking, Yesterday.
The Government won an important victory at this afternoon's session of the Kuomintang Congress, when the proposed general principles of the period of political tutelage, as adopted by the Central Executive Committee, was passed by an overwhelming majority, thus signifying the Congress' recognition of the present Government.

Mr. Sun Fo introduced his economic reconstruction programme, which includes the construction of 20,000 miles of railway and 10,000 miles of motor roads. Mr. Sun Fo proposes raising \$500,000,000 yearly for fifty years, as follows:—\$200,000,000 as a Government appropriation, the same amount from foreign loans, and \$100,000,000 by the issue of reconstruction bonds.

Mandarin & Cantonese
The programme includes the appropriation of \$100,000,000 for development of Nanking, on which \$10,000,000 will be expended yearly.

A number of important leaders who were expelled from the Party at the Western Hills conference, for opposing the admission of Communists to the Party, were reinstated this afternoon, among whom is Chang Chi, who was chairman of the recently dissolved Peking branch Political Council.

A number of reports from district Kuomintangs were submitted to the Congress.
Amusement was caused through inability of the overseas delegates to understand mandarin and, for their benefit, the speeches were translated into Cantonese.

The Congress began at 2.20 p.m. and closed at 5 p.m. It is meeting again on March 20.—Reuter.

There are four centenarians in Cheltenham, the youngest, Mrs. Mary Wilson, celebrating her 100th birthday recently.

January was the coldest month in London since February 1895.

HELENA MAY FINAL CONCERT TO-MORROW EVENING

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME

To-morrow evening, the last of the season's series of concerts will take place, when the following programme will be submitted:—
Double Concerto for 2 Violins and Orchestra.

(Arranged for Piano: J. S. Bach).
Violins:—Capt. Macnair and Miss Acheson.

Piano:—Madame Bonenfant.
Songs:—Negro Spirituals.
(a) To-morrow you die—Fisher-Arms.

(b) Go tell it on the Mountains—Hayes Gaul.

Mrs. Sanger.

Violin Concerto in A Minor—Vivaldi.

Violin:—Mrs. Aubrey.

Piano:—Mrs. Cashman.

Songs (Italian).
Lolita—Bussi Peccia.

Il Pescatore Canta—Tosti.

Mr. Li Chor-chi.

Piano.

2 Movements of the Waldstein Sonata—Beethoven.

Introduzione—Adagio Molto.
(leading to the)

Rondo—Allegretto Moderato.
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Accompanists:—Miss Braga and Professor Gualdi.

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Sport Columns

HOME TURF

PROBABLES FOR SPRING HANDICAPS

LINCOLN & GRAND NATIONAL

London, Yesterday.

The following are the probable starters and riders for the Lincolnshire to-morrow (Wednesday):—

Capture Him...Gordon Richards
Guards Parade...James
Harpist...F. Fox
Garnock...Steve Donoghue
Saint Fortunat...Sirett
Orosnade...Rochetti
Songe...S. Wragg
Caporal...Burns
Athford...Cordell
Galopin...St. Leger
Tommy Atkins...Baines
Elton...Robertson
Irish Romance...Packham
Residue...Weston
Unsupagans...Richardson
Musical Prince...Dines
John Silver...Tidey
The Undiscovered Magee
Voltero...Caldwell
Miscou...A. Wragg
Covent Garden...Alford
County Guy...Berry
Cornwallis...Balch
Risen Star...Jeffries
Scintillation...Stephenson
Nestorian...Lowry
Berkeley Bridge...Whitehouse
Marzipan...Treacy
Treasure Island...Adley
Minnie Ha Ha...Getlin
On Approval...Sharp
Manto...Kimberley
Hinode...Lindley
Harpagon...Morris
Spot Cash...Rook

Betting

Miscou...100-12 t & o
Scintillation...9-1 t & o
Garnock...100-8 t & o
Unsupagans...100-7 t & o
Orosnade...100-6 o
Tommy Atkins...20-1 t & o
Caporal...20-1 o; 22-1 t
Cornwallis...20-1 o; 22-1 t
Harpist...20-1 o
Capture Him...20-1 o
Irish Romance...22-1
Saint Fortunat...22-1
Residue...25-1 t & q
Nestorian...25-1 o
On Approval...25-1 o; 33-1 t
Athford...28-1 t & o
Songe...33-1 o; 40-1 t
County Guy...33-1
Covent Garden...40-1
The Undiscovered Magee...40-1
Voltero...50-1 t & o
Guards Parade...50-1 t & o
Musical Prince...50-1 t & o
Treasure Island...50-1 o
John Silver...50-1 o
Minnie Ha Ha...50-1 o
Galopin...66-1
Elton...66-1
Risen Star...66-1
Berkeley Bridge...66-1
Manto...66-1
Harpagon...66-1

THE GRAND NATIONAL

Probables & Riders

The probable starters and riders for the Grand National on Friday are as follows:—

The Ace II...Morgan
Ardeen...Lyall
Ardeen's Pride...Thrale
Bollstockhart...Sassoon
Beech Martin...L. Rees
Billy Barton...Gullinan
Brights Boy...Foster
Carfax...Ancil
Delarue...Wilson
Camperdown...Goode
Drinmond...Balding
Easter Hero...Maloney
Gay Dog II...Birch
Far Flight...Brown
Golden Rebel...Everett
Grakle...Hamey
Great Span...Payne
Gragalach...Haley
K.C.B...Hogan
Koko...Duffay
Knockir...Gubbins
Le Touquet...Duffoune
Lloydie...F. Rees
Lord...Weber
Master Billie...Rayson
May King...F. Gurney
Montaigne II...

HOME FOOTBALL

CELTIC'S WIN IN SCOTTISH LEAGUE

MOTHERWELL DEFEATED

Playing in the First Division of the Scottish League to-day, at Celtic Park, Celtic beat Motherwell by two goals to nil.—Reuter.

Scottish League—Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	30	27	3	0	94	23	57
Hearts	34	19	6	9	85	49	44
Motherwell	32	17	8	7	70	67	42
Celtic	20	16	4	7	59	36	39
Partick	31	15	5	11	52	67	35
Aberdeen	33	14	7	12	67	61	35
St. Johnstone	33	12	9	12	49	59	33
Kilmarnock	31	13	6	12	68	67	32
St. Mirren	32	13	6	13	68	65	32
Queen's Pk.	29	13	5	11	79	60	31
Falkirk	32	12	7	13	64	77	31
Cowdenbyth	33	13	4	16	50	58	30
Hibernians	32	12	5	15	44	48	29
Hamilton	32	10	7	15	46	70	27
Clyde	32	11	4	17	40	62	26
Airdrie	35	11	4	18	46	60	25
Ayr	32	9	6	17	56	75	24
3rd Lanark	31	9	5	19	60	83	23
Dundee	33	8	7	16	49	56	23
Raith R.	31	6	4	21	40	93	16

FOOTBALL SHIELD

POLICE AND CLUB DE RECREIO REPLAY

In the Shield replay between the Police and the Club de Recreio, to-day, on the Kowloon F.C. ground, the referee will be Mr. F. Smith. The kick-off will be at 4.30 p.m.

Mount Etna...Leader
Overdraft...Bennett
Rampant...Misa
Richmond II...Stoll
Ruddyman...Parvin
Skrun Prince...W. Gurney
Sandy Hook...Fish
Sprig...Escot
Tipperary Tim...Dutton
Trump Card...Piggott
Uncle Ben...T. McCarthy
Herbert's Choice...Farrell
Hawker...Grant
Denbrough...Smyth, jun.
Ballyhan Wood...Rhodes
Toy Bell...Morgan
Mellerays Belle...Mason
Merryvale II...Brookes
Miss Balscadden...Bowden
Fleet Prince...C. McCarthy
Wild Edgar...Harraway
More Din...Waudly
Cloringe...Wall
Duke of Florence...Piggott
Killarney...Maloney
Cryptical...Scratchley
Harewood...Williams

HOME COMMENT

Scintillation Very Nicely Handicapped

"Hotspur" wrote in the London "Daily Telegraph" on February 22:

The Lincolnshire handicap excites merely the minimum of interest, chiefly for the reason that it is so generally understood its solution must depend on the measure of fitness on the day and the luck of the draw rather than on any finer calculations in regard to the weights.

There is talk of Scintillation, who, it is true, has been quite nicely handicapped, but I am not much attracted by horses that develop a kink, as I think he did at the start of his later races last season. If we could be certain that he is willing to produce his best form it would be another matter. I rather prefer such a candidate as Miscou, though at this moment I have no notion whether it is Stanley Wootton's intention to start Lord Beaverbrook's four-year-old at Lincoln. He is well in, and I imagine he is fitter at this moment than most, but there may be other plans where he is concerned.

LAWN TENNIS

HONDA & AKIYAMA v. LUCAS & TOTTENHAM

The Japanese pair won this rather uninteresting match as much by their opponents' mistakes and wrong tactics as by their own safe and steady display. Few fireworks came from the winners, and too many duds were produced by the losers. It seemed to us that Lucas made a mistake in remaining at the net when his opponents were lobbing so well, as his partner soon got tired traversing the back of the court. And Tottenham might have taken the ball offener in the air, because his waiting for the ball to bounce allowed the Japanese time to get into position. In the third set, when Lucas and Tottenham were more or less equidistant from the net good tennis was seen, and with the ball coming nicely to his racket Lucas showed us how to smash. Thereafter his smashing and that of his partner were woefully erratic.

In the last two sets the Japanese played steadily and took more chances as their opponents weakened. Long before the last game, which was finished along with the daylight, there was little doubt as to the issue.

Taking yesterday's play as a criterion neither pair would stand a chance of taking a set off the Rumlajns on their form against the Fincher brothers.

Full Results

Yesterday the following ties were played in the H.K.C.C. tournament:

Open Doubles.—T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham 8-10, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1; G. W. Sewell and J. G. Lawrie received a walk over from F. A. Redmond and J. Hale.

Handicap Singles "A".—L. Goldman (owe 15/4) beat H. R. Remington (owe 3/6) 6-0, 6-3. Handicap Singles "B".—T. J. Price (owe 2/6) beat M. D. Scott (owe 2/6) 6-2, 6-0.

Handicap Doubles.—A. H. Penn and A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 15) beat A. Piercy and W. D. Fiddes Wilson (scr.) 6-4, 6-4.

To-day's Matches

Open Singles.—Horace Lo v. E. C. Fincher.

Open Doubles.—Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau v. J. S. McEachran and L. Goldman.

Handicap Singles "A".—D. S. Green (rec. 2/6) v. J. Barrow (rec. 3/6); S. E. Green (owe 15/1) v. A. Piercy (rec. 5/6); L. Forster (owe 15) v. W. A. Nowers (scr.); H. J. Armstrong (owe 1/6) v. J. A. Summers (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Doubles.—G. W. Sewell and G. C. Grove (owe 15/1) v. R. K. Valentine and A. D. Humphreys (owe 5/6).

GOLF

TWO QUALIFIERS FOR ADAMSON CUP

Under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club the Adamson Cup was played at Happy Valley from March 8 to 19 and resulted as follows:—

E. Moore...86-18-63
G. McLeod...90-22-68

* Tie and qualify.

Other scores:—
C. A. Grimes...88-18-70
B. E. Mangham...95-24-71
R. Clark...86-13-73

There were nine entries.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE CLUB'S TEAM FOR SHIELD MATCH

The following will represent the Club against the Army in the Shield Match at Happy Valley at 5.15 on Monday:

P. T. Ride; J. Grieve, G. A. L. Plummer, H. V. Koop, L. Goldman; J. L. Bonnar, R. H. Dowler; J. Riddell, D. Milne-Day; E. R. West, P. L. P. Thomas, R. F. Akehurst, W. Lithgow Smith, J. A. E. Kendrew, and W. Leckie.

BOAT RACE

PROSPECTS FOR CENTENARY CELEBRATION

CREWS EVENLY MATCHED

London, Yesterday.

Everything is contributing to make the centenary of the 'Varsity boat race the greatest ever. Two finer and more closely matched crews have not been seen before. They have gone to the midway practice, being favoured by ideal conditions. There is no sign of staleness. Cambridge are popular favourites. Both side have finished their hard training but expert opinion still wavers. It is generally accepted that Oxford is superior at stroke, where Graham's determination may turn the scale.—Reuter.

Probable Crews

The probable crews for Saturday are:—

Cambridge

st. lb.
E. Norman Butler (Eton and Third Trinity) (bow) 11 7½
*2. R. J. Elles (Marlborough and Trinity Hall) 12 2½
3. R. A. Davies-Cooke (Eton and Third Trinity) 12 2½
*4. R. Besly (Oundle and First Trinity) 13 3½
*5. M. H. Warriner (Harrow and First Trinity) 13 6
*6. J. B. Collins (Eton and Third Trinity) 14 4½
7. C. E. Wool-Lewis (Westminster and Third Trinity) 11 11½
T. A. Brocklebank (Eton and Third Trinity) (stroke) 11 7
R. E. Swartwout (Midsex, U.S.A., and First Trinity) (cox) 7 7
*An Old Blue.

Oxford

*H. C. Morphet (Geelong and Brasenose) (bow) 12 4½
*2. G. E. Godber (Bedford and New College) 12 8
3. R. Macdonald-Smith (Nottingham High School and New College) 12 4½
4. J. M. Macdonald (Winchester and Magdalen) 12 9
5. C. F. Jael-Brockdorff (Denmark and Pembroke) 12 9
6. J. A. Ingles (Tasmania University and Magdalen) 13 5
7. D. E. Timne (Eton and University) 11 12
A. Graham (Eton and Brasenose) (stroke) 11 2
G. V. Stopford (Radley and New College) (cox) 99 1
*An Old Blue.

SPORTS CABLES

RUGBY FOOTBALL ON MARCH 9

London, Mar. 9.

The weather was fine to-day but the grounds were still hard. The following were the chief Club results:

Blackheath 8, Lon. Hospital 15.
Army 28, Richmond 12.
O. M. Ts. 3, Harlequins 12.
London Scots 11, Port Services 17.

Watsonians 19, Edin. Acad. 13.
Llanelli 27, Gyps 0.
Glasgow Acad. 14, Edinburgh 12.

Gloucester 11, Bristol 11.
Plymouth 12, Cardiff 6.
Bradford 6, Blackheath 5.
Northampton 11, Cardiff 8.
Bridgewater 6, Leicester 5.
Neath 3, Swansea 0.

BOAT RACE PROSPECTS

Recent showings by the respective Varsity boat race crews indicate that the race which will take place on Saturday, March 23, the day after the Grand National, is likely to be a level one. Oxford is certainly better than last year whilst Cambridge is generally considered to be below their 1928 form.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

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On Paris	123 2½
On demand	1307 ½
On Berlin	132
On demand	132
On New York	48 ¾
Credits, 60 days' sight	49 ¾
On Bombay	132
Wire	132
On Calcutta	132
Wire	132
On Singapore	85 ¾
On demand	96 ¾
On Shanghai	78 ¾
On demand	78 ¾
30 day's sight (private paper)	107 ¾
On Yokohama	107 ¾
On demand	107 ¾
Gold Leaf, 100 (per tael)	9.75
Sovereigns (H.K.)	25 ¾
buying rate	25 ¾
Silver (per oz.)	25 ¾
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	25 ¾
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cents	6% Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	32 ½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	¾% dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.325
New York	4.85 ¼
Brussels	34.96
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.12 ¼
Milan	92.25
Berlin	20.465
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.56
Prague	164
Helsingfors	192 ¾
Madrid	32.125
Lisbon	100 ¼ (?)
Athens	575
Bucharest	814 ¼
Rio	576
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/6 ½
Hong Kong	1/11 ¾
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
Silver Spot	25 ¾
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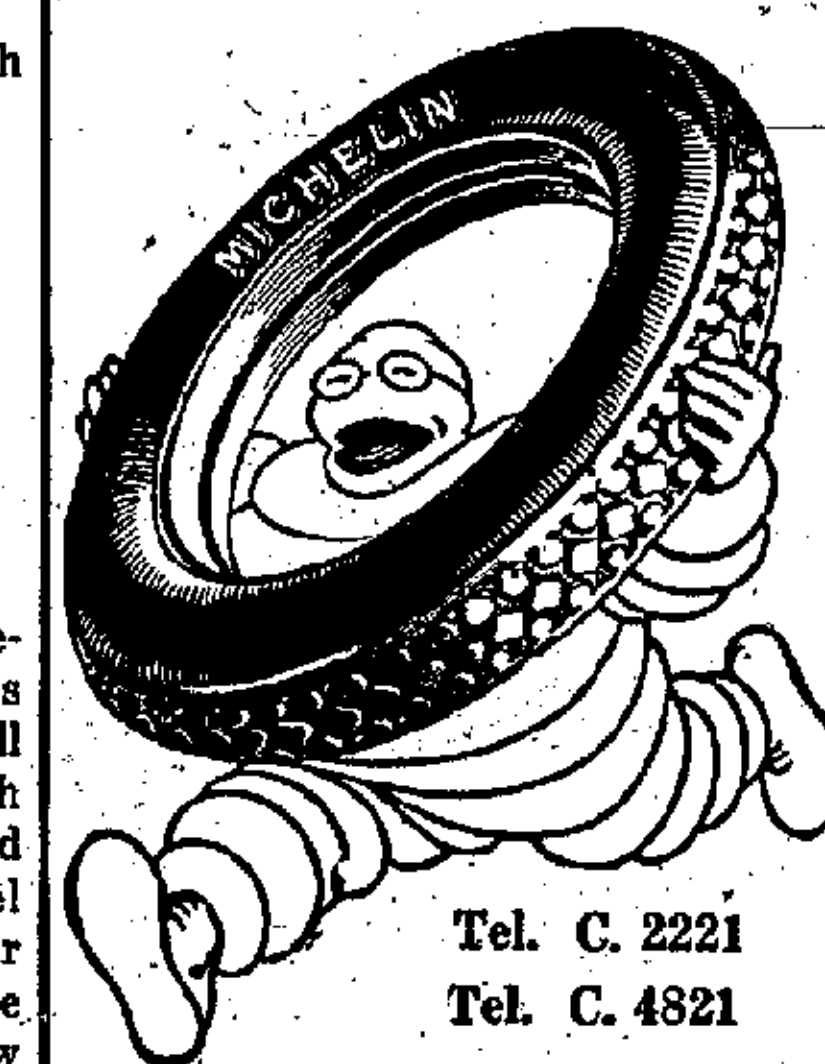
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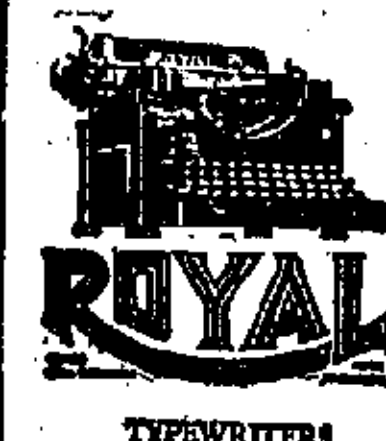
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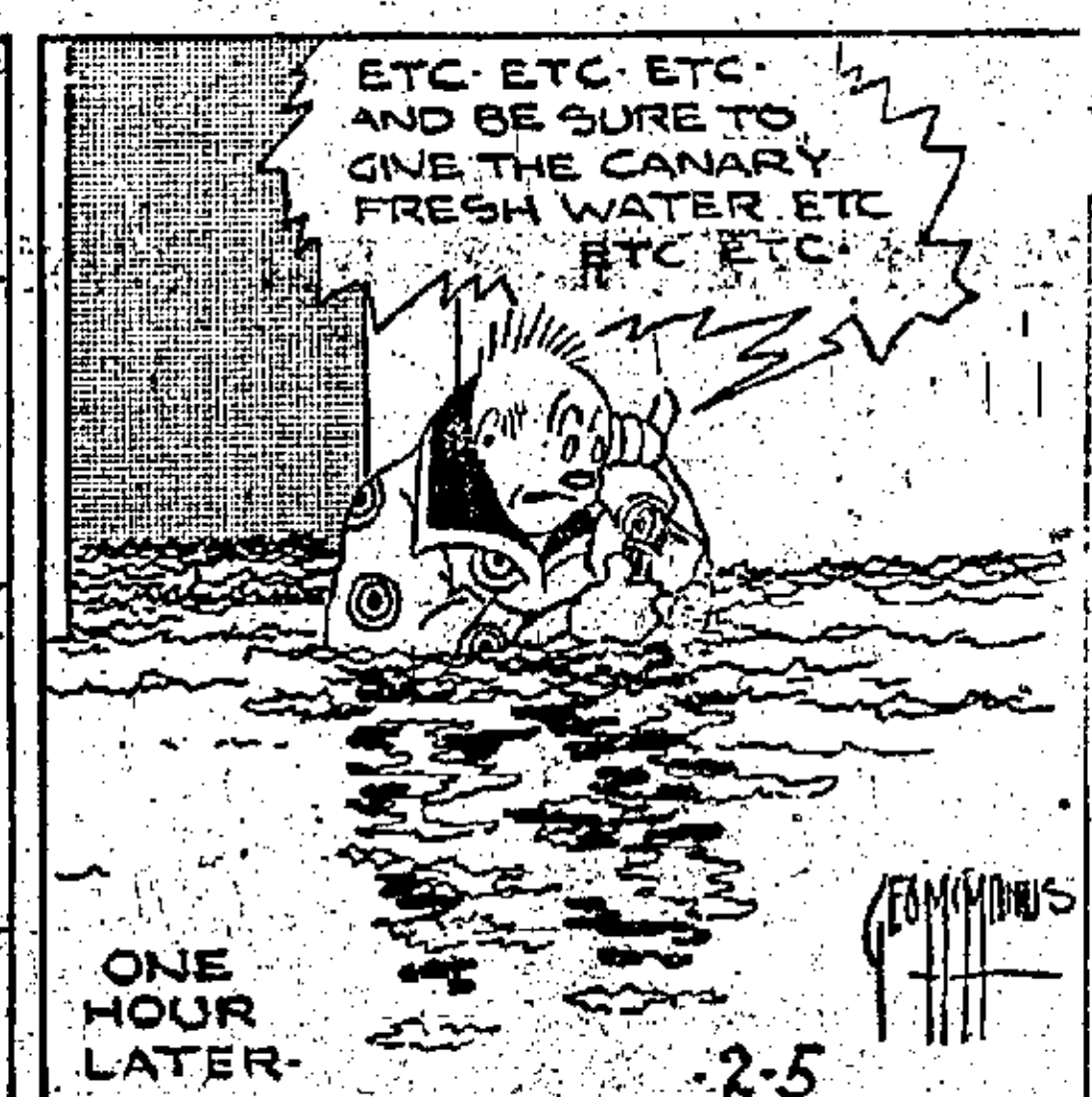
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

U.S. Minister



Lewis Einstein, American Minister to Czechoslovakia.

Escapes in Bombing



President Emilio Portes Gil of Mexico narrowly escaped death when the train on which he was travelling to the capital was dynamited at a bridge about 150 miles from its destination.

Leaps to Death



Three hours after she had been brought home from the hospital where she had been recuperating from a nervous breakdown, Mrs. Anthony Fokker, wife of Anthony H. G. Fokker, airplane builder and inventor, leaped to her death from the fifteenth floor of their apartment in New York as reported in a recent Reuter's cable.

Would Probe Dope



Representative Fiorella La Guardia (Rep.), of New York, who announces he will introduce a Bill in Congress designed to strike a death blow at traffic in habit-forming drugs.

British Ambassador



Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador to the United States.

Duchess of York



H.R.H. the Duchess of York is in Oslo for the Royal wedding this week.

Going to Philippines?



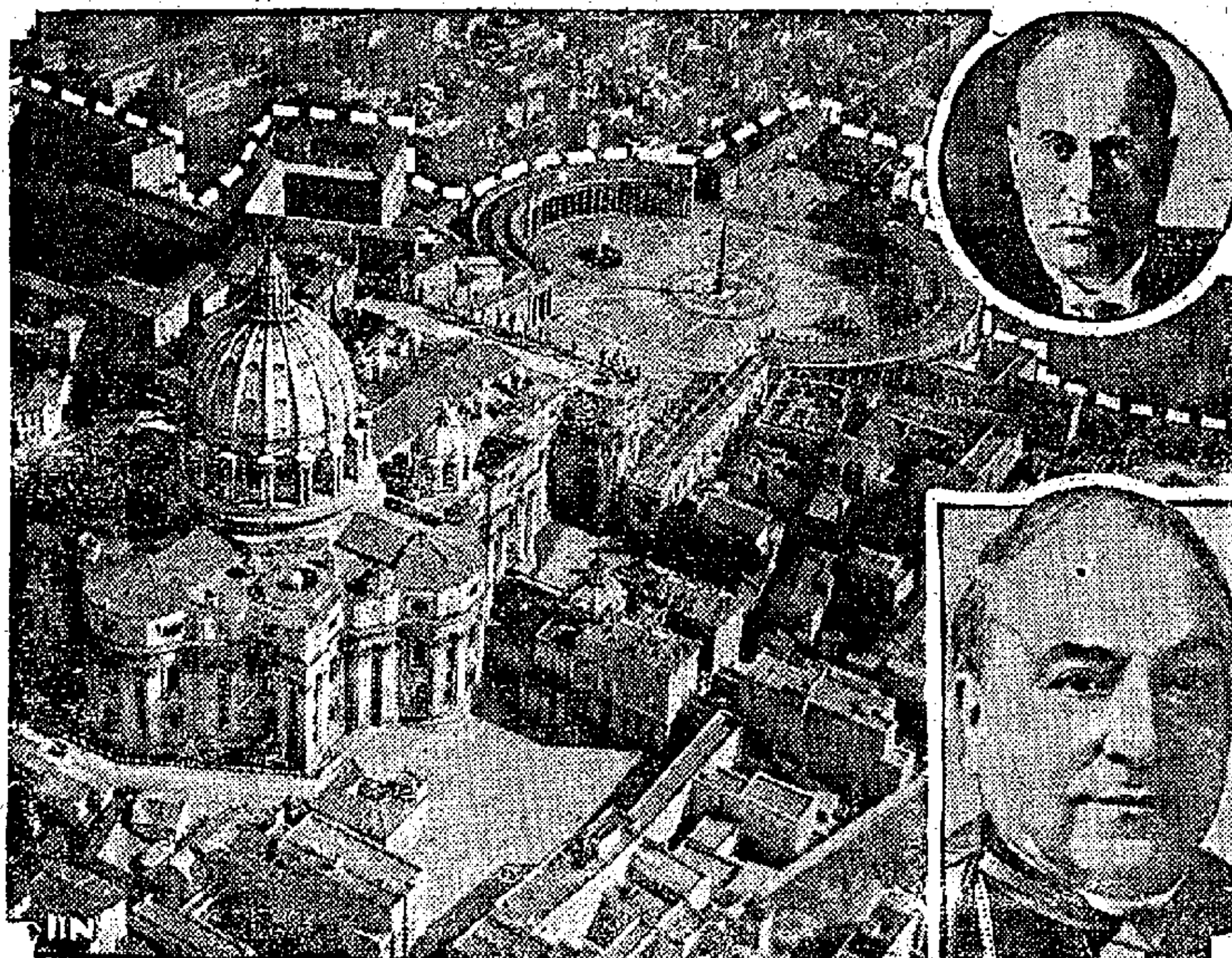
Brig.-Gen. Frank McCoy, who has been supervising elections in Nicaragua, is mentioned as likely to become Governor-General of the Philippines in place of Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State in President Hoover's Cabinet.

Dies Suddenly



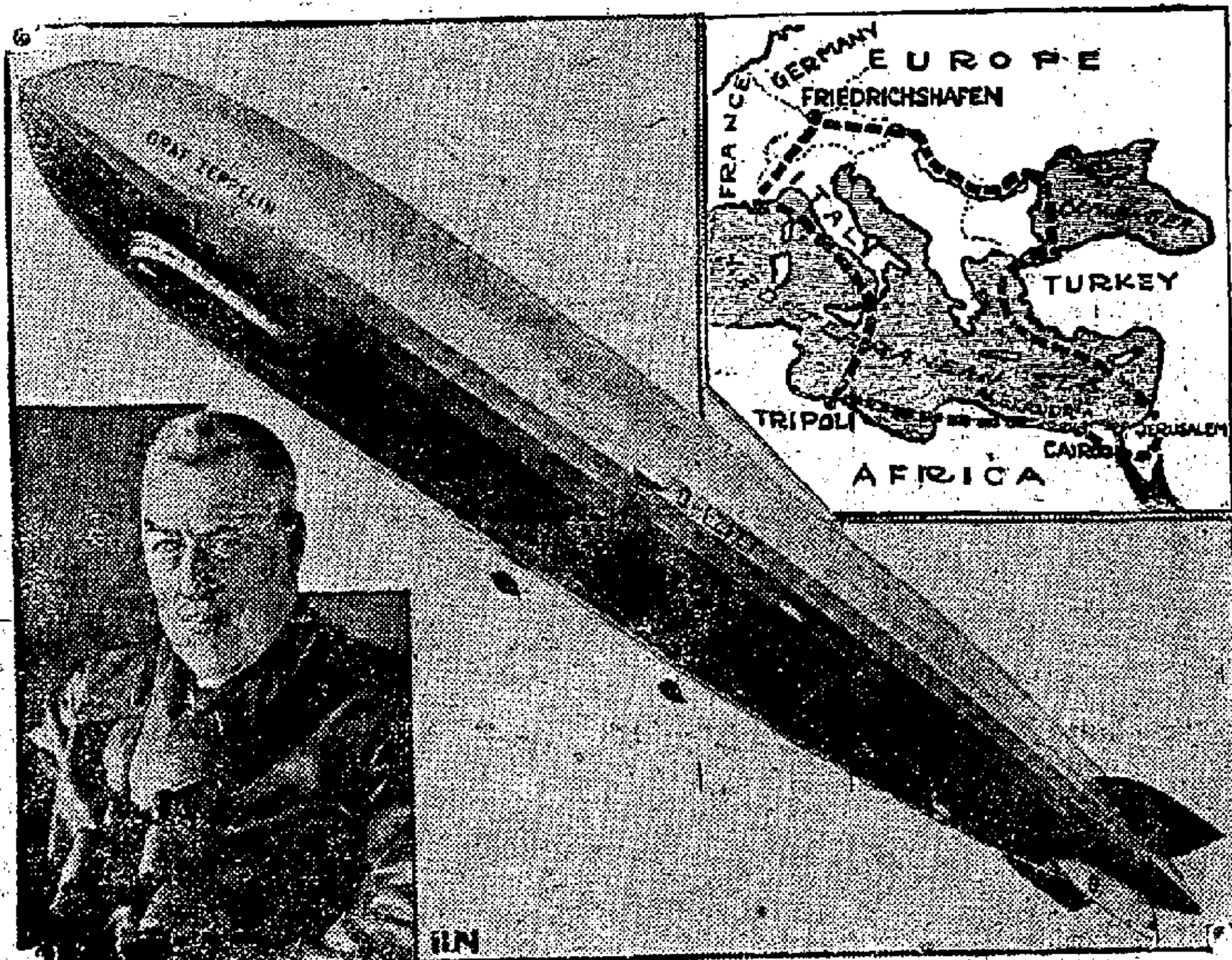
Mr. Edwin Denby, former member of Congress, private in the Marines during the War and Secretary of the Navy in the Harding Cabinet, was stricken with heart failure at a Detroit hotel and died before medical aid could reach him.

Church-State Dispute Ends



The conflict of nearly fifty-nine years' duration between the Holy See and the Italian Government has finally been settled. The agreement, creating the new Papal State, was signed by Premier Mussolini, above, and Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Legate, at the Lateran Palace. The Pope will have temporal power over this new "Vatican City," but the collection of customs and tariffs will be left to the Italian Government. He will be privileged to coin money, issue banknotes, print postage stamps and exercise other official prerogatives. The Embassies and legations credited to the Vatican and a railway station will be included. In consideration of the Pope's renunciation of any important enlargement in his territory, St. Peter's Square, shown above, is the only addition, the Italian Government authorised an increase in the amount of the indemnity paid to the Holy See to \$105,000.

Zeppelin in Mediterranean Tour



Commander Hugo Eckener, left, is making preparations with prominent German Government officials for the longest flight in the "Graf Zeppelin" since it flew across the Atlantic. He plans to circle from Friedrichshafen over the Mediterranean, along Africa, up along Asia Minor, through the Black Sea, up the Danube, back to the port hanger as shown on the map above.

Irish Leader



Eamon De Valera was going to Belfast to open a bazaar but Ulster held to the order barring him from Northern Ireland and arrested him at Newry when he attempted to cross the border. He has since been released.

Guilty of Conspiracy



Bert B. Buckley, State Treasurer of Ohio, was convicted by Federal court jury of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws. He was found guilty on all ten counts of the indictment which carries a maximum sentence of 28 years and fine of \$27,000.

An Associate judge



Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Harlan F. Stone.

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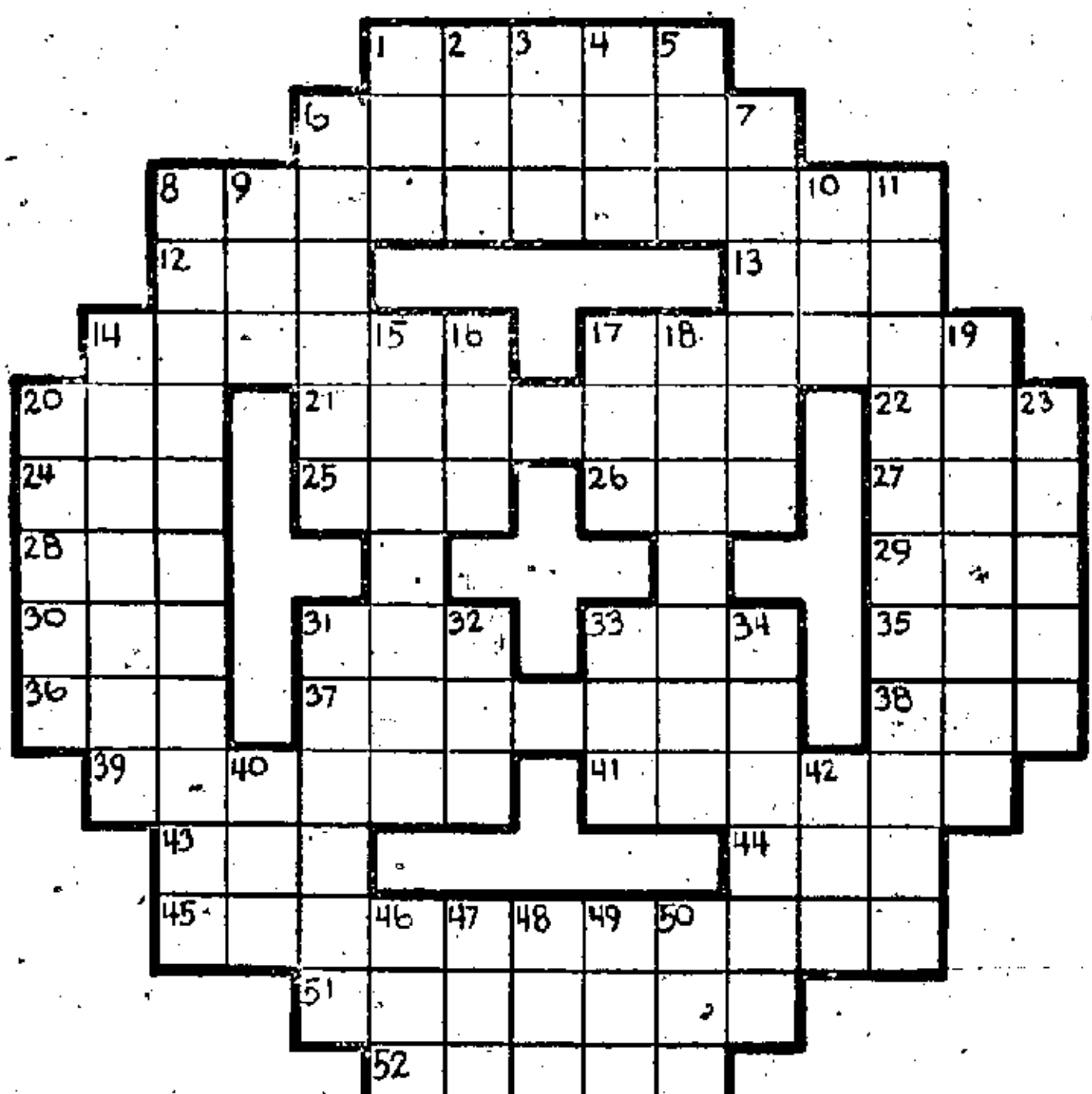


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| 1-Well-bred men (clang) | 35-Combining form meaning "ear" | 11-The definition of technical terms |
| 6-Gains possession of | 36-In no manner | 14-To test soundly |
| 8-Partaker | 37-Cavalryman | 15-Bed canopies |
| 12-Street (French) | 38-Parcel | 16-First woman |
| 13-Golf mound | 39-Full of fissures | 17-Land of flowers (abbr.) |
| 14-Scold | 40-Vibratory motion | 18-Scraping instrument |
| 17-Birds | 41-Lubricant | 19-Law-maker |
| 20-Vim | 42-Bend downward | 20-Idolator |
| 21-One who feasts with clamorous merriment | 43-Without sound | 21-Station |
| 22-Pectaining to Middle Ages (abbr.) | 44-Diabolical wickedness | 22-Station |
| 24-Maria's name (Turkish) | 45-Appendages | 23-Station |
| 25-Point of compass (abbr.) | 46-Precious stone | 24-Station |
| 26-Salutation | 47-Medieval shield | 25-Station |
| 27-Feminine suffix | 48-Variety of pigeon | 26-Station |
| 28-Slang term for gun | 49-Prefix meaning "badly" | 27-Station |
| 29-Short sleep | 50-Period of time (abbr.) | 28-Station |
| 30-Steveless garment of Arabia | 51-Dance | 29-Station |
| 31-Fasten together | 52-Ridicule | 30-Station |
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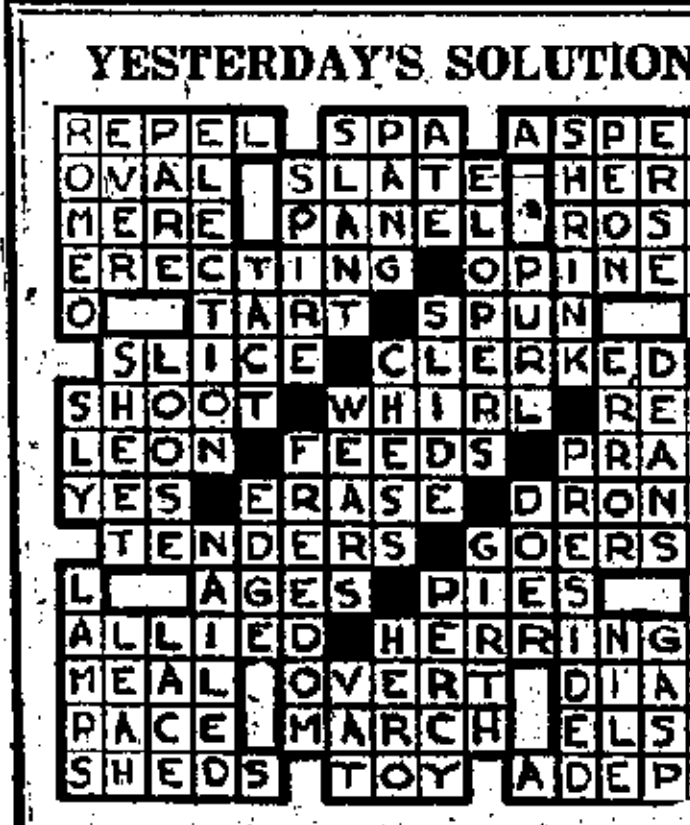
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GAMBLING MENACE

SOME LESSONS FROM SINGAPORE

POLICE PROBLEM

In the fifth of the series of articles entitled "Singapore Problems" which Mr. R. H. Onraet, of the Singapore Police, contributed recently to the "Malayan Police Magazine," the problem of gambling is dealt with. Mr. Onraet writes:—

Most of us have vivid recollections of our first gambling raids; a chase over the roofs or a struggle on the brink of the sort of pool one associates with Chinese vegetable gardens, to capture a wanted man; a vision of innumerable bare feet as one went down to a rush of coolies through the only doorway; a room in which an overturned kerosene lamp had started a fire and raiders and raided united in smothering the flames; pleasant experiences when compared with the dreadful but very necessary raids on the gambling nonias of Penang. Heartfelt was the sigh of relief breathed as the last fair one was bailed out and left the station.

This necessary education taught the inexperienced a good deal about informers and something about gambling and the people concerned, but was only a step towards acquiring sufficient knowledge wherewith to circumvent the professional gambler, organized gambling and the multiple evils arising therefrom.

Two Local Landmarks

Two landmarks stand out in the history of gambling in Singapore. The first, the cutting off of queues, compelled the police to alter their raiding tactics, for no longer was one policeman able to arrest, and hold half-a-dozen Chinese. The second, the closing down of the Johore licensed gambling farms, had far-reaching effects and is responsible for the present development of gambling in Singapore.

Singapore up to February, 1918, the date of the Johore enactment closing the farms, was with one exception singularly free from organized gambling. Games of Poh and Fan-Tan undoubtedly flourished, but only the Chap-Ji-Ki lottery was organized.

Chap-Ji-Ki banks, judging by the record of Court cases, were opened by clerks and cashiers in firms and banks and by certain recognized promoters, the most notorious of whom boasted he would run over any policeman attempting to stop him when or his way to Johore with the list of backers and their stakes. He was defeated just outside Wayang Satu Police Station by half-a-dozen handcarriers usually to be found on this part of Bukit Timah Road.

Chap-Ji-Ki Lotteries

In those days Singapore Chap-Ji-Ki lottery bets were made on the Johore declaration of the day, news of which used to be telephoned to those interested. There was generally a pre-arranged code word and the messages once received were broadcast in Singapore. "9 bags of rice" for instance would inform bankers that the 9th character had been drawn that day, the code word being rice. The system was open to a good deal of cheating as losing bets were accepted by some of the bankers after the winning character was known.

After Johore closed down, Singapore for a year or so was singularly free from Chap-Ji-Ki betting but a number of the old assistants of the Johore Fan-Tan houses came over to Singapore town, and gradually organized ways and means to make the promotion of gambling a paying proposition.

The organization of gambling among coolies was undertaken by a certain wealthy Teochiu organization and was centralized in the two main districts of New Bridge Road-Market Street area in "A" Division and Fraser Street and Rochore Road areas in "C" Division. The promoters found the business so lucrative that the rents which they were able to offer for ground floor front rooms opening on to the five-foot way were such as to tempt many of the respectable shop keepers of these districts.

Organizers in the Background

In spite of their look-out systems it was never very difficult to arrest a number of gamblers, for at one time 40 to 50 houses were doing business in full view of the public road, and as soon as the police left with their prisoners a new lot of gamblers almost immediately took their place! The promoters and the organizers remained in the background and it was well nigh impossible to identify them, locate them, or prove their guilt.

In 1918, the Gambling Suppression Branch and "C" Division unmasked a number of promoters in "A" Division and bankers in "C" Division: exemplary punishments were inflicted by an understanding magistrate and subsequent banishment completed the business.

This type of gambling, limited for the most part to Teochiu and Hokchias did not occur again until 1925 when it once more attained its old prominence, and as the only outward and visible forms were a number of unhappy and inoffensive

looking coolies in court, ill-informed public criticism was often directed against the police for its suppression. In reality coolie gambling constitutes a very serious menace to public welfare: robberies, murders, faction fights, affrays and false reports have been proved again and again to have been the direct result of organized coolie gambling; an army of evil liveries are provided by it with a means of livelihood; extortion and corruption complete the vicious circles.

Catering for Salaried Classes

So much for coolie gambling. The better and salaried classes are also catered for, and many have been ruined by gambling in clubs and undiscovered gambling houses quite respectably run and very effectively concealed. The points are as high as one wishes: quite recently cheques for \$5,000 were exchanged over a table as a proof of willingness to play and to pay for high stakes.

Though secret societies flourish by extortion from gambling establishments, it is unknown in Singapore for secret societies to run their own gambling houses for the benefit of their secret society funds.

Not so in Penang. At the back of the coffin shops in Carnarvon Street there used to be a space, half court and half passage way, giving access to all the coffin makers' yards and to some vacant ground where bean oil was matured. It was littered with old planks and rubbish, and was an ideal spot wherein one might have a gamble

quarters of the kongsi. A raid was planned. The raiders sailed forth from their hiding place and were able to get right among the gamblers before they were noticed. One party dealt with the yard, the other went to the headquarters and surprised four of the organizers and a banker who was actually being checked out.

Ten Lucky Years

The office coffers were full. Several hundred of dollars were counted, correspondence and account books were most instructive: the shares and salaries of the management were given and showed payments and receipts. The daily takings of the farm were found to average well over \$100. A successful case in Court at which the Gambling God was produced as an exhibit ended the run of luck enjoyed by this Society for, it was said, ten years. All previous raids resulting in conviction for gambling against those caught being no deterrent as the management paid the fines. The "Ke Jiau San" suffered eclipse for a long time after this and the number of reports made at Carnarvon Street and Pitt Street Police Stations fell very considerably.

The craze for gambling does not depend on trade or other conditions but on the successful efforts of a number of promoters. There have been outbreaks during boom time; there is an outbreak of it at the moment. It is without doubt the most important problem the police have to contend with.



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It was raided on countless occasions and those caught charged with "gambling in public." But as this procedure of dealing with the place had gone on for years, it came to be considered as merely a rendezvous for street urchins, well nigh impossible to raid successfully, and really hardly worth the trouble.

The "Sour Lime Kongsi"

At this time (1916-1918) a secret society known as the "Sour Lime Kongsi," so called on account of the corner it had made in extorting money from the lime importers of Penang, was having a feud with the "Ke Jiau San," and though reputed most powerful, appeared to be getting the worst of it. It was while making enquiries into the source of the "Ke Jiau San's" funds that it was discovered that the Carnarvon Street gambling was not a push-half penny gambling—in public affair, but a well-organized farm, run by and for the benefit of the "Ke Jiau San."

The Gambling Suppression Department got to work and the place was watched from a nearby house. From early morning to dusk the scene never varied: a space was cleared, sheds erected, and two bankers were in attendance. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there used to be four bankers and the game was "Poh." Market folk were noticeable at certain hours; the kran class came in about tiffin time and again at 5 p.m. Informers were often noticed among those taking part in the game. Gradually with the help of glasses the faces and movements of the croupiers and bankers became familiar. They had their regular hours and left their turns were up; where they went to baffle the watcher for weeks. But there came a red letter day when, looking into the back rooms of the houses nearby, he saw lit up by a fortunate light effect, a joss table with a Gambling God, the Deified Tiger, enthroned and guessed it to be the head-

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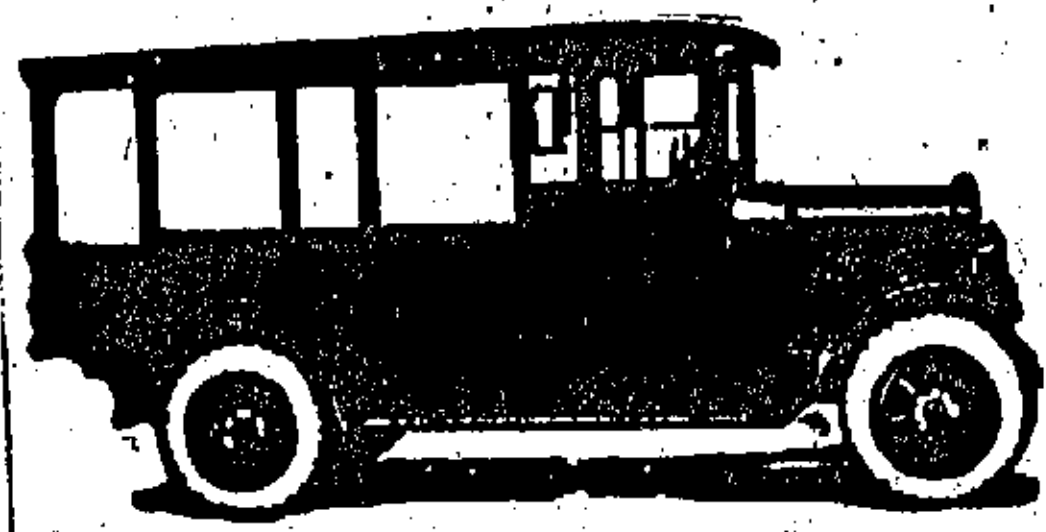
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GERMANY'S ARMY OF 100,000

2,700 OF A STAFF

CRITICISM ON THE MILITARY BUDGET

483,474,000 MARKS NEEDED

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Military Budget, excluding the Navy, totals 483,474,000 marks and comes up in the Reichstag shortly when it is likely to be considerably reduced in view of the state of the national finance's criticism at present is being directed to the fact that the Army of 100,000 men need an administrative staff of 2,700.—Reuter.

DOCTOR PRAISED

EULOGIES FROM SANITARY BOARD

SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC

Dr. Lee Ying-yau, a medical practitioner of Kowloon, was highly praised at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board for services rendered in the small-pox epidemic.

The attendance comprised Mr. W. J. Carrie (President, Head of the Sanitary Department), Dr. H. A. Fawcett (Medical Officer of Health), the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, C.B.E., LL.D., Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

The President said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. As all members of the Board were aware, there had been an epidemic of small-pox in the Colony. It was also known that the Department had been short-handed in the way of staff, but the Senior Inspector in Kowloon had done very well indeed.

However, there were matters which required to be put in the hands of a qualified doctor and there were instances of concealed cases and anonymous reports which had to be investigated. Senior Inspector Duncan in Kowloon had been compelled to enlist the services of Dr. Lee Ying-yau and had gone to him frequently, always receiving an immediate response.

Appreciation
The President added that Dr. Lee had an extensive private practice but, in spite of this, he had given his services most readily and had also used his own car, putting himself to a certain amount of personal expense. He thought, therefore, that the Board should express its appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Lee in the small-pox epidemic and suggested that a letter should be written by the Secretary to him in the name of the Board.

The Hon. Dr. Tso seconded and suggested that in view of the public spirited way in which Dr. Lee had come forward in the present epidemic, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs should be acquainted with the services he had rendered.

Colonel's Thanks
The Hon. Mr. Braga said that as the Kowloon member of the Board, he would like to associate himself with the remarks of the President and the Hon. Dr. Tso. He thought that not only was the board indebted to Dr. Lee for his services at a time when the Department was short-handed but the Colony as a whole owed him its thanks. Mr. Braga said he was glad the President had taken the opportunity of bringing his services forward so that the Board had an opportunity of thanking Dr. Lee for his work. He hoped that any letter of appreciation sent to him would be referred to the Colonial Secretary for the attention of H.E. the Governor.

Mr. Carrie said it might be suggested that no expression of the Board's appreciation should be made until the epidemic of small-pox was over, but the department now had an Assistant Medical Officer of Health and the Senior Inspector in Kowloon would now be able to call upon him.

DEATH ROLL NOW 11

KING EDWARD HOTEL FIRE DISASTER

ROOM "BOY" SUCCUMBS

The death roll in the King Edward Hotel fire on March 11 becomes eleven with the addition of the name of To Chat, 52 years of age, a room "boy" on the third floor. He was burned and jumped from the verandah, sustaining injuries. Progress was shown in the Government Civil Hospital and there were hopes of recovery but To Chat died on Monday evening after a relapse.

The funeral was held yesterday, the proprietors of the King Edward Hotel paying all expenses and all the members of the staff attending. At the Coroner's inquest it was stated that To Chat was awakened at about 3 a.m. by Mr. Cheung Fuk-wong, one of the partners, to unlock a room. To Chat then shouted "It is too smoky" to the lift boy who had brought Mr. Cheung up and found himself trapped shortly afterward.

Another room boy, Leung Kwan, was killed outright. The third member of the staff in the casualty list was a cook who has been discharged from hospital.

GIRL ENTICED?

A TRIO CHARGED WITH HARBOURING

A Chinese man and two women were yesterday produced before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, charged with harbouring a young Chinese girl.

Mr. H. R. Butters, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted.

The male accused said that the girl was fond of him and went to live with him of her own free will. He admitted, however, that he did not make any inquiries with regard to her parents.

The first woman said that she introduced the girl to the man at the request of the other woman, whilst the latter claimed to be the girl's aunt, and said that the girl herself wanted to live with the man.

Mr. Butters said that the girl, whose parents are in the country, lived in Hong Kong with the woman who was supposed to be her aunt. In December last year she was enticed by the other woman to leave her aunt and go to live with her in Yau-mat.

The man was then introduced to the girl who went through a bogus marriage ceremony with him, under the impression that it was genuine. She subsequently lived with him as his wife. Later she ran away to the country and, returning with her mother, went to the Police accompanied by the aunt. There was no evidence against the second woman except what the other female had alleged against her.

This woman was discharged by the Magistrate, who gave an adjournment in the case against the other woman and the man.

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THE VICEROY OF INDIA

AN INVITATION

GOING TO ENGLAND ON SHORT LEAVE

FOR PERSONAL DISCUSSION

London, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that the Secretary of State for India (Lord Peel) has invited Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, to England in June on short leave not exceeding four months in order to secure an opportunity for personal discussion with the Viceroy. The latter has accepted the invitation provided the state of public affairs permits.

H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Viscount Goschen, Governor of Madras, to act as Viceroy during Lord Irwin's absence.—Reuter.

RAN AMOK

TWO CHINESE GIRLS KILLED

BROTHER'S ESCAPE

Yesterday the "China Mail" reported the removal to hospital of a 14-year-old Chinese youth, the son of a cargo boatman, who was suffering from cut wounds stated to have been inflicted by a foki of his father's boat with a chopper.

It has since transpired that the youth was not the sole victim of the chopper attack, but his two sisters, aged 19 and 17, respectively, were also assaulted by the foki and hacked to death.

The two girls, Cheung Fo (19), and Cheung Fo-kam (17), daughters of the master of cargo boat No. S-1033-V, boat went ashore at 2 p.m., to look for business for their boat. About 6 p.m., the father sent their brother, Cheung Kau, and the foki, Chau Kau in a dinghy, to pick the girls up at Wing Lok wharf.

The dinghy did not return for a couple of hours, and accordingly the boat master went ashore to inquire. He learned that all four missing persons had been observed boarding the dinghy at the wharf at 9 p.m. He made a search for the best part of the night and, this proving fruitless, went to the Police. It was then that he learned that his son had been taken to the hospital.

From the latter he learned that the foki had suddenly run amok with a chopper, hacking at him and his two sisters, both of whom he saw slaughtered. After he had been slashed several times, the son jumped into the water and was rescued by sampans in the vicinity.

The Police took up the search for the missing dinghy and eventually found it drifting in the vicinity of Green Island, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. On it was the body of the younger girl with brutal wounds on the head, arms and body. The other girl and the foki have not yet been found.

It is surmised that the elder girl's body was dumped overboard by the foki.

Whether the foki is dead or alive is a matter for conjecture, but the Police are offering a reward of \$200 for information.

CAR FATALITY

UNLUCKY COOLIE KNOCKED DOWN

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

As the result of being accidentally knocked down by motor car No. 948, owned by Mr. Chan Wai-yun, of No. 28, Kai Tak-road, a coolie received severe injuries to his head, with fatal effect.

The accident occurred at 7 p.m., yesterday, just outside the Kowloon City Police Station, as the car was being driven homeward by Mr. Chan's driver along Kai Tak-road.

The unfortunate coolie suddenly made a dash across the road, and before the driver could apply the brakes the man was knocked down. He was rendered unconscious and immediately rushed off to the Kowloon Hospital in the car. In spite of every effort to save the patient's life, he never recovered consciousness and died at 5.40 this morning having sustained a fracture of the base of the skull.

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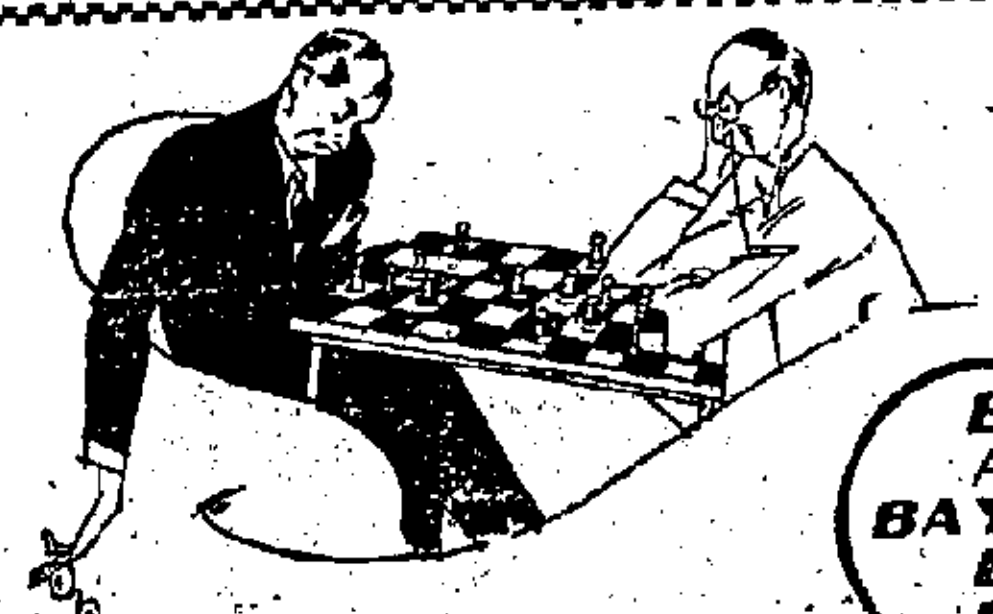
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